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OF THE

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OF

ROYAL ARCH MASONS

OF CANADA,

AT ITS

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION,

HELD IN THE



Friday, 14th day of July, A.D. 1882.
A.L. 2412; A.L. 5882.

ORDERED TO BE READ IN ALL CHAPTERS AND PRESERVED.

ADDRESSES:—DONALD ROSS, PICTON, ONT., GRAND Z.

DAVID McLELLAN, HAMILTON, ONT., GRAND SCRIBE E.

1882:

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Masonic Hall, Richmond Street,
City of London,

Grand Chapter of Canada.

PROCEEDINGS.

The Twenty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, held in the Masonic Hall, Richmond street, in the City of London, on Friday, the 14th day of July, A. D. 1882, A. I. 2412.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

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| M. E. Comp. | Donald Ross, | Grand Z. | } Grand Council. |
| R. " " | Henry Macpherson, | " H. | |
| R. " " | Thomas Sargent, | " J. | |

On the Throne.

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| R. E. Comp. | David McLellan, | Gr'd Scribe E. |
| V. E. | Hugh A. Mackay, as | " " N. |
| " " | R. B. Hungerford, as | " Prin. Soj. |
| R. E. | Edward Mitchell, | " Treasurer. |
| " " | Francis Gallow, | " Registrar. |
| E. | W. T. Bray, as | " 1st Asst. Soj. |
| " " | C. H. Slawson, | " 2nd " " |
| V. E. | John Scoon, as | " Sword Bearer. |
| " " | W. L. Tackaberry, | " Stan'd Bearer. |
| E. | Joseph Park, as | " Dir. of Cer. |
| " " | George Green, as | " Organist. |
| R. E. | H. K. Maitland, as | " Pursuivant. |
| V. E. | J. G. Robinson, | " Steward. |
| " " | Jas. R. Haun, | " " |
| " " | Robert Mackay, | " " |
| E. | D. W. Mayes, as | " " |
| " " | F. J. Hood, | " Janitor. |

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS OF DISTRICTS.

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| R. E. Comp. | James Noble, Strathroy, | London | District. |
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| " | " | Alfred Taylor, Galt, | Wellington |
| " | " | Isaac F. Toms, Goderich, | Huron |
| " | " | J. Ross Robertson, Toronto, | Toronto |
| " | " | Chas. Doeblor, Port Hope, | Ontario |
| " | " | John Moore, Ottawa, | Central |

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| M. E. Comp. | Jas. Seymour, St. Catharines, | Past G. Z. |
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| " | " | Daniel Spry, Barrie, |
| R. E. | " | Thos. C. Macnabb, Chatham, |
| " | " | Henry Robertson, Collingwood, |
| " | " | Geo. M. Wilkinson, Kingston, |
| " | " | Robt. Hendry, jr., |
| " | " | John McLaren, Orangeville |
| " | " | Donald McPhie, Hamilton, |
| " | " | James B. Nixon, Toronto, |
| " | " | J. G. Burns, |
| " | " | A. G. Smyth, London, |
| " | " | Wm. Hawthorn, |
| " | " | H. K. Maitland, Guelph, |
| " | " | Wm. Forbes, Grimsby, |
| " | " | Wm. Gibson, |
| " | " | Gavin Stewart, Hamilton, |
| " | " | J. J. Mason, |
| " | " | Jas. Lockie, Berlin, |
| " | " | E. H. D. Hall, Peterboro', |
| " | " | Robert Ramsay, Orillia, |

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

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| M. E. Comp. | Jas. Seymour, from G. Chap. of Indiana. |
| " | " " " " Iowa. |
| " | " " " " Mark Lodge of E. & W. |
| " | " L. H. Henderson, " Colorado. |

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| " | " | Donald Ross, " Connecticut. |
| R. E. | " | Isaac F. Toms, " Alabama. |
| " | " | John McLaren, " Arkansas. |
| " | " | Henry Macpherson, " California. |
| " | " | T. C. Macnabb, " Delaware. |
| " | " | Henry Robertson, " Dist. Columbia |
| " | " | " " Mississippi. |
| " | " | " " New York. |
| " | " | David McLellan, " Georgia. |
| " | " | " " New Ha'pshire. |
| " | " | Wm. Forbes, " Illinois. |
| " | " | Thomas Sargant, " Kentucky. |
| " | " | Edward Mitchell, " Louisiana. |
| " | " | J. G. Burns, " Maryland. |
| " | " | J. Ross Robertson, " Nebraska. |
| " | " | J. J. Mason, " Nevada. |
| V. E. | " | Hugh A. Mackay, " Ohio. |
| R. E. | " | Jas. B. Nixon, " Vermont. |

PAST FIRST PRINCIPALS.

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| M. E. Comp. | Jas. Seymour. | R. E. Comp. | H. Macpherson. |
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| " | " | Daniel Spry. | " " C. L. Beard. |
| " | " | Donald Ross. | " " J. McLaren. |
| R. E. | " | Gavin Stewart. | " " I. F. Toms. |
| " | " | Chas. Doebler. | " " John Moore. |
| " | " | David McLellan. | " " J. Ross Robertson |
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| " | " | T. C. Macnabb. | " " A. G. Smyth. |
| " | " | Thos. Sargant. | " " J. B. Nixon. |
| " | " | J. J. Mason. | " " Donald McPhie. |
| " | " | H. K. Maitland. | " " Wm. Forbes. |
| " | " | James Lockie. | " " Wm. Hawthorn. |
| " | " | G. M. Wilkinson. | " " Wm. Gibson. |
| " | " | Edward Mitchell. | " " Isaac F. Toms. |

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| R. E. Comp. | R. Hendry, jr. | V. E. Comp. | C. W. Brown. |
| " | " Alfred Taylor. | " | " W.L. Tackaberry |
| " | " James Noble. | R. E. | " W. D. Hepburn. |
| " | " Robert Ramsay | E. | " P. A. Craig. |
| " | " F. Gallow. | " | " R. B. Hungerford |
| V. E. | " J. G. Robinson. | " | " James R. Haun. |
| " | " Robt. Mackay. | " | " W. A. Gunn. |
| E. | " Geo. Hodgetts. | V. E. | " John Ferguson. |
| " | " John Overell. | E. | " W D McGloghlan |
| " | " Wm. G. Reid. | " | " Geo. J. Waugh. |
| V. E. | " F. B. Gregory. | " | " C. E. S. Black. |
| E. | " Jos. Beck. | " | " T. L. N. Tipton. |
| " | " John Sinclair. | " | " John Scoon. |
| " | " John Creasor. | " | " George Green. |

VISITOR.

R. E. Comp. John A. Lockwood, P. H. P. Keystone Chapter, No. 163, Buffalo, N. Y.

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented by their qualified officers, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada was opened in *Ample Form*, at 11 a. m.

R. E. Comp. R. Hendry, jr., from the Committee on Credentials of Representatives, reported that there were seventy-seven Chapters on the Roll of Grand Chapter, of which number fifty-three were represented by the following Companions:

No. 1. ANCIENT FRONTENAC CHAPTER, KINGSTON.

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| E. Comp. | H. J. Wilkinson, | J. |
| R. E. | " Geo. M. Wilkinson, | P. Z. |
| E. | " W. A. Gunn, | P. Z. |

No. 2. THE HIRAM CHAPTER, HAMILTON.

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| R. E. Comp. | Gavin Stewart, | P. Z. |
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No. 3. ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, LONDON.

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| R. E. Comp. | Wm. Hawthorn, | Z. |
| E. | " T. G. Lacey, | H. |

No. 4. ST. ANDREW'S AND ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, TORONTO.

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| E. Comp. | Geo. Hodgetts, | P. Z. |
| V. E. | " C. W. Brown, | P. Z. |

No. 5. ST. GEORGE'S CHAPTER, LONDON.

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| E. Comp. | T. Brock, | Z. |
| E. | " C. A. O. Jeffery, | J. |
| R. E. | " R. B. Hungerford, | P. Z. |
| E. | " John Ferguson, | P. Z. |
| R. E. | " A. G. Smyth, | P. Z. |
| E. | " H. A. Baxter, | P. Z. |
| " | " John Overell, | P. Z. |
| " | " W. D. McGloghlan, | P. Z. |

No. 6. ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, HAMILTON.

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| E. Comp. | John Malloy, | Z. |
| R. E. | " David McLellan, | P. Z. |
| " | " Donald McPhie, | P. Z. |
| E. | " Wm. G. Reid, | P. Z. |
| R. E. | " E. Mitchell, | P. Z. |
| " | " Wm. Forbes, | P. Z. |
| " | " J. J. Mason, | P. Z. |
| " | " Wm. Gibson, | P. Z. |
| V. E. | " H. A. Mackay, | P. H. |

No. 7. MOIRA CHAPTER, BELLEVILLE.

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| E. Comp. | W. L. Hamilton, | H. |
| M. E. | " L. H. Henderson, | P. Z. |

No. 8. KING SOLOMON'S CHAPTER, TORONTO.

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| E. Comp. | Alex. Patterson, | Z. |
| " | " John Patton, | H. |
| R. E. | " David McLellan, | P. Z. |
| R. E. | " Thos. Sargent, | P. Z. |
| " | " J. B. Nixon, | P. Z. |
| " | " J. G. Burns, | P. Z. |
| " | " J. Ross Robertson, | P. Z. |
| M. E. | " Daniel Spry, | P. Z. |

- No. 10. NEW BRUNSWICK CHAPTER, ST. JOHN, N. B.
 R. E. Comp. David McLellan, P. Z., Proxy
- No. 12. CATARAQUI CHAPTER, KINGSTON.
 E. Comp. Wm Waddington, Z.
 R. E. " R. Hendry, jr., P. Z.
- No. 15. WAWANOSH CHAPTER, SARNIA.
 E. Comp. Thos. Ellison, H.
- No. 16. CARLETON CHAPTER, OTTAWA.
 E. Comp. Edwin Plant, Z.
 " " J. C. Kearns, H.
- No. 18. OXFORD CHAPTER, WOODSTOCK.
 R. E. Comp. C. L. Beard, Z.
- No. 19. MOUNT MORIAH CHAPTER, ST. CATHERINES.
 M. E. Comp. Jas. Seymour, P. Z.
- No. 24. TECUMSEH CHAPTER, STRATFORD.
 E. Comp. Geo. J. Waugh, P. Z.
- No. 27. MANITOU CHAPTER, COLLINGWOOD.
 E. Comp. F. B. Gregory, Z.
 R. E. " Henry Robertson, P. Z.
 " " Henry Macpherson, P. Z.
- No. 29. M'CALLUM CHAPTER, DUNNVILLE.
 V. E. Comp. C. E. S. Black, P. Z.
 E. " Thos. L. N. Tipton, P. Z.
- No. 30. HURON CHAPTER, GODERICH.
 E. Comp. Richard Radcliffe, Z.
 E. " Joseph Beck, H.
 R. E. " Isaac F. Toms, P. Z.
- No. 31. PRINCE EDWARD CHAPTER, PICTON.
 M. E. Comp. Donald Ross, P. Z.
- No. 32. WATERLOO CHAPTER, GALT.
 R. E. Comp. Alfred Taylor, P. Z.

- No. 84. SIGNET CHAPTER, BARKIE.
 E. Comp. C. L. Sanders, J.
 R. E. " R. Ramsay, P. Z.
 M. E. " Daniel Spry, P. Z.
- No. 85. KEYSTONE CHAPTER, WHITBY.
 E. Comp. Charles King, J.
- No. 86. CORINTHIAN CHAPTER, PETERBORO'.
 R. E. Comp. E. H. D. Hall, P. Z.
- No. 37. VICTORIA CHAPTER, PORT HOPE.
 R. E. Comp. Charles Doebler, H.
- No. 40. GUELPH CHAPTER, GUELPH.
 E. Comp. John Scoon, Z.
 R. E. " W. D. Hepburn, P. Z.
 R. E. " H. K. Maitland, P. Z.
- No. 41. HARRIS CHAPTER, INGERSOLL.
 E. Comp. C. H. Slawson, Z.
- No. 44. MOUNT SINAI CHAPTER, NAPANEE.
 M. E. Comp. Donald Ross, P. Z.
- No. 47. WELLINGTON CHAPTER, CHATHAM.
 E. Comp. Frederick Bates, Z.
 V. E. " W. L. Tackaberry. P. Z.
 R. E. " Thos. C. Macnabb, P. Z.
- No. 48. ST. JOHN'S CHAPTER, COBOURG.
 R. E. Comp. Chas. Doebler, P. Z.
- No. 53. BRUCE CHAPTER, PETROLIA.
 E. Comp. John Sinclair, Z.
 E. " Charles Wilson, H.
- No. 54. PALESTINE CHAPTER, ST. THOMAS.
 V. E. Comp. Robert Mackay, Z.

No. 56. GEORGIAN CHAPTER, OWEN SOUND.

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| E. Comp. | Robert Edgar, | H. |
| E. " | John Creasor, | P. Z. |
| R. E. " | Henry Macpherson, | P. Z. |

No. 57. KING HIRAM CHAPTER, PORT COLBORNE.

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| V. E. Comp. | James R. Haun, | P. Z. |
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No. 60. DORIC CHAPTER, NEWMARKET.

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| E. Comp. | D. W. Mayes, | Z. |
| E. " | R. Flood, | H. |

No. 61. GRANITE CHAPTER, PERTH.

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| R. E. Comp. | John Moore, | P. Z., Proxy |
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No. 62. YORK CHAPTER, EGLINGTON.

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| R. E. Comp. | J. B. Nixon, | P. Z. |
| " " | Thomas Sargent, | P. Z. |
| M. E. " | Daniel Spry, | P. Z. |

No. 63. HAVELOCK CHAPTER, LUCKNOW.

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| E. Comp. | DeWitt H. Martyn. | J. |
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No. 64. WILLSON CHAPTER, WELLAND.

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| E. Comp. | M. W. Bridgman, | Z. |
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No. 65. ONTARIO CHAPTER, YORKVILLE.

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| V. E. Comp. | C. W. Brown, | P. Z. |
| " " | John G. Robinson, | P. Z. |
| M. E. Comp. | Daniel Spry, | P. Z. |

No. 66. SEAFORTH CHAPTER, SEAFORTH.

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| E. Comp. | John Macwhirter, | J. |
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No. 67. ENTERPRISE CHAPTER, HARRISTON.

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| R. E. Comp. | John McLaren, | P. Z. |
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No. 68. MAITLAND CHAPTER. MAITLAND.

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| R. E. Comp. | John Moore, | P. Z., Proxy. |
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No. 69. GRIMSBY CHAPTER, GRIMSBY.

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| R. E. Comp. | Wm. Forbes, | P. Z. |
| " " | Wm. Gibson, | P. Z. |
| " " | J. J. Mason, | P. Z. |

No. 70. GRAND RIVER CHAPTER, BERLIN.

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| R. E. Comp. | Jas. Lockie, | P. Z. |
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No. 71. PRINCE OF WALES CHAPTER, AMHERSTBURG.

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| E. Comp. | Geo. Green, | P. Z. |
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No. 74. BEAVER CHAPTER, STRATHROY.

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| R. E. Comp. | James Noble, | P. Z. |
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No. 75. ST. CLAIR CHAPTER, MILTON.

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| R. E. Comp. | Gavin Stewart, | P. Z. |
| " " | Wm. Gibson, | P. Z. |

No. 77. OCCIDENT CHAPTER, TORONTO.

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| R. E. Comp. | Thos. Sargant, | P. Z. |
| M. E. " | Daniel Spry, | P. Z. |

No. 79. ORIENT CHAPTER, TORONTO.

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| R. E. Comp. | Jas. B. Nixon, | Z. |
| E. " | A. Park, | H. |
| E. " | D. H. Watt, | J. |
| E. " | W. C. Wilkinson, | P. J. |
| R. E. " | F. Gallow, | P. Z. |
| " " | J. Ross Robertson, | P. Z. |
| " " | Thos. Sargant, | P. Z. |
| " " | J. G. Burns, | P. Z. |
| M. E. " | Daniel Spry, | P. Z. |

No. 80. ARK CHAPTER, WINDSOR.

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| E. Comp. | Joseph Park, | Z. |
| E. " | P. A. Craig, | P. Z. |

No. 82. SHUNIAH CHAPTER, P. A. LANDING.

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| M. E. Comp. | Daniel Spry, | P. Z., Proxy |
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No. 83. IONIC CHAPTER, ORANGEVILLE.

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| R. E. Comp. John McLaren, | P. Z., Proxy |
| “ “ Thos. Sargant, | P. Z. |

No. 84. LEBANON CHAPTER, WINGHAM.

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| E. Comp. W. T. Bray, | Z. |
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No. 86. MACPHERSON CHAPTER, MEAFORD.

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| V. E. Comp. C. W. Brown, | P. Z., Proxy |
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No. 87. WENTWORTH CHAPTER, DUNDAS.

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| R. E. Comp. Gavin Stewart, | P. Z. |
| “ “ David McLellan, | P. Z. |

U. D. MACNABB CHAPTER, DRESDEN.

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| R. E. Comp. Thos. C. Macnabb, | Z. |
| E. “ Robert M. Stuart, | H. |

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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| R. HENDRY, JR., J. H. THOMPSON, GAVIN STEWART, | } Committee. |
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On motion of R. E. Comp. R. Hendry, jr., seconded by R. E. Comp. Gavin Stewart, the report of the Committee on the Credentials of Representatives was received and adopted.

The M. E. Grand Z. granted permission for the admission of all Royal Arch Masons in good standing during the session of the Grand Chapter as visitors.

The Grand Scribe E. read the Rules and Regulations for the government of Grand Chapter during business.

The Grand Scribe E. commenced to read the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Twenty-fourth Annual Convocation, held in the City of Hamilton on the 15th day of July, A. D. 1881, A. I. 2411, when it was moved by R. E. Comp. Henry Macpherson, seconded by R. E. Comp. Thos. Sargant, and resolved:—

That, as the Proceedings of the last Annual Convocation, held on the 15th day of July, have been printed, and copies thereof sent to all chapters under this jurisdiction, the recorded Minutes thereof be considered as read, and the same be now confirmed.

The M. E. the Grand Z. then read the following

ADDRESS :

To the Most Excellent the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada :

GREETING :

COMPANIONS,—By the grace of an over-ruling Providence, we are permitted to celebrate the 25th Annual Convocation of the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada under the most favorable and promising circumstances. Each year, as it rolls round, presents to us of this generation some notable event which will hereafter become a matter of history. A good Mason—President Garfield—the ruler of a great and kindred nation, has passed away ; in his life he sanctified the profession of Masonry, both by speech and example ; in his death he bowed to the decree of Providence with patience and resignation, and passed peacefully away after all his sufferings, to, we hope, an eternal rest. Our Most Gracious Sovereign, the beloved Queen of these realms, has been specially preserved by a good Providence from the bullet of the assassin ; but we rejoice not in the affliction of the would-be assassin, but in the fact that no sane person in the three kingdoms could be found to lift his hand against the sacred person of Her Majesty. Death has been busy in our ranks—the evergreen has fallen on many a still heart that once beat warmly for Masonry and for the love of the Order.

Most Ex. Comp. T. D. Harington, P. G. Z., and P. G. M., passed away suddenly whilst conversing with his family at his home at Prescott. He was one of the most distinguished

members of the fraternity within the Dominion of Canada. The name of Thomas Douglas Harington is a synonym for honor, integrity and truth; of him we are all proud to say that he was a Mason. He occupied gracefully all those high offices it is possible for a man to hold in our Order, with honor to himself and benefit to the society. The record of his life is that which we may all hope to aspire to—a good husband, a sincere friend, and a true Mason. What higher honors could prince or potentate confer on him? In the neighboring city of Hamilton, Rt. Ex. Comp. J. M. Meakins, P. G. Supt. of Hamilton District, and Rt. Ex. Comp. Chauncey Bennett, P. G. Supt. of Wilson District; and Rt. Ex. Comp. Alex. S. Kirkpatrick, P. G. Supt. of the Central District, have gone to their rest. All who were brought in connection with them testified to their goodness, their charity and their devotion to Masonry. Peace be to their ashes.

A few years since the ground on which we stand was considered to be one of the outposts of civilization; but now what do we see? A great city, almost competing with its grand old mother across the sea, in the magnificence of its buildings, in the perfection of its highways, in the excellency of its manufactures, and nothing behind in the loyalty of its citizens and the diligence and energy of its inhabitants. The old countryman from the metropolis of the world hears the names of streets and bridges, so familiar and dear to his ear that he may almost fancy himself at home and straining his eyes across the western horizon; beholds a great empire opening into existence—the future home of millions of the human race, where, in the course of a few years, thousands of lodges of good and accepted Masons will dot the prairies—where before but the lodge of the wild Indian and the trail of the buffalo were to be seen. The grand temple under whose roof we now meet—perfect in its arrangements and so beautiful in its simplicity—testifies to the generous impulses of the brethren who contributed their means towards its

erection. May it long stand as an example of their devotedness and their skill as practical masons.

DISPENSATIONS.

On the 17th August, 1881, I granted a dispensation to the Companions at Dresden, county of Kent, to establish a chapter there, to be called Macnabb Chapter. On the 10th April, 1882, I granted a dispensation to the Companions at Woodstock, N. B., to establish a chapter to be called Woodstock. These were properly recommended by the Superintendents of the several districts, and granted accordingly.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS.

Notwithstanding the well known views of G. C. against granting dispensations to permit Companions to be installed as Principals without having previously served in the offices which the Constitution requires, I have thought it advisable in the interest of Masonry, to issue the following on the recommendation of the Superintendents of Districts.

To instal as Z., not having served as W. M. 2.

To instal as Z., not having served as H. 5.

To instal as H., not having served as J. 2.

The Reports of the several Grand Superintendents of Districts will be laid before you, which will show the progress made during the year, and which I trust will be satisfactory to all present. A Chapter of Instruction was held in Toronto, under the watchful eye of Rt. Ex. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, and much benefit was derived therefrom. I would recommend that a similar course be adopted by all Grand Superintendents of Districts, as great benefit to the chapters will be derived from such a procedure, and Capitular Masonry be greatly advanced.

REPRESENTATIVES.

During the year the following have been appointed as representatives :—

To the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts—Rt. Ex. Comp. the Hon. Edwin Wright.

To the Grand Chapter of Tennessee—Rt. Ex. Comp. Elihu Edmondson.

From the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia—Rt. Ex. Comp. Robert Hendry, jr., to fill the vacancy caused by the death of M. E. Comp. T. D. Harington.

From the Grand Chapter of Tennessee—Rt. Ex. Comp. Wm. Gibson, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of M. E. Comp. T. D. Harington.

From the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania—Rt. Ex. Comp. Donald McPhie, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rt. Ex. Comp. David McLellan.

The above appointments, I trust, the Grand Chapter will confirm.

RULINGS.

1st. That an objection to the advancement of a candidate cannot be entertained without cause.

2nd. A brother cannot be advanced to the several degrees in Royal Arch Masonry without being a Master Mason three months.

FINANCES.

The annual statements, showing the receipts and expenditure, together with the amounts already invested, will be laid before you, which, if satisfactory and ample, will then enable the committee appointed at the last Convocation to organize a scheme of benevolence such as will, I am sure, meet with your approval.

GRAND SCRIBE E.

I am unwilling to close my annual Report without testifying to the skill and watchfulness with which the Grand Scribe has conducted the business of his important office, and must congratulate Grand Chapter on having such an efficient and painstaking officer.

CONCLUSION.

And now, my dear Companions, I resign the trust you reposed in me a year ago into your hands, hoping that my humble efforts in the discharge of my duties have not been in vain. I am unwilling to close my address without testifying to the urbanity with which I have been met by all of the Companions with whom I have had the pleasure of meeting or transacting business during the Masonic year, and believe me when I say that I shall always look back with feelings of the greatest pleasure to the time when I was deemed worthy to occupy the exalted position of Grand Z. of Canada.

DONALD ROSS, G. Z.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. Henry Macpherson, seconded by R. E. Comp. Thos. Sargent, and resolved :—

That the address of the M. E. the Grand Z. be referred to the Executive Committee, to report thereon during the present Convocation of Grand Chapter.

The following reports of the various Grand Superintendents of Districts were presented :

LONDON DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Excellent Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Canada, and in the discharge of the duty devolving upon me as Grand Superintendent, I have the honor to submit this my annual report of the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the London District.

Owing to family affliction and business engagements over which I had no control, I have been unable to visit as many of the Chapters as I wished to have done. In view of this fact I communicated with the First Principal of each Chapter in the District, proposing to hold a Chapter of Instruction on

the 24th of May, on condition that a majority would agree to the time and place, and asking them to state their views on the subject and on receipt I would decide whether to call it or not, Only two Chapters answered my communication; I therefore concluded not to hold one. I have no doubt the excitement of the General Elections had a good deal to do with the failure. I commend this matter to my successor.

Macnabb Chapter, Dresden, U. D., was duly opened, with R. E. Comp. Thomas Macnabb as First Principal. The work done since opening has been fair, considering the state of the roads during the winter months, being almost impassable, thus preventing R. E. Comp. Macnabb from attending at several convocations, which will account for the work not being done; I would therefore recommend that a warrant be granted to Macnabb Chapter.

Several applications were made to me last fall to recommend the granting of a dispensation to form a new chapter in Corinthian Lodge room, London. This I refused to do unless the consent of London Chapters were given to it (or at least one of them). I am of opinion there is no room for another Chapter in the City of London.

Erie Chapter, No. 73, Port Stanley, has not made any returns to Grand Chapter for the past three years. I wrote to the First Principal, but received no reply.

I am happy to say, during the year I received no complaints. Other subjects of minor importance have given rise to correspondence with the Chapters, all of which have received due attention. I have therefore every reason to be able to state that the utmost harmony prevails throughout the whole District.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES NOBLE,

Grand Superintendent London District.

STRATHROY, July 8th, 1882.

WILSON DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada :

I beg to submit my report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the Wilson District for the past year. I again have to express my regret that there has been very little if any improvement or progress made since the date of my last report; in fact, with the exception of the Woodstock and Ingersoll Chapters, there has been no progress whatever made, as far as I am aware.

I have had a communication to that effect from Ezra Chapter, Simcoe ; but have received no reply whatever from Mount Horeb Chapter, Brantford, in answer to my request to appoint some day before meeting of Grand Chapter for me to visit them.

As stated in my last report, I have not now time enough at my disposal to discharge the duties of the office I have now held for some years efficiently, and must therefore decline re-election.

I trust that my successor will be able to make a more satisfactory report at the end of his term of office.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES L. BEARD,

Grand Superintendent Wilson District.

WOODSTOCK, 12th July, 1882.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada :

I beg to present the following report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in Wellington District.

I was only able to visit three Chapters in the District, viz.: Waterloo Chapter, Galt ; Guelph Chapter, Guelph ; and Grand River Chapter, Berlin ; these being the only Chapters

in the District which sent me notices, although I wrote to them all requesting them to do so. I found Guelph Chapter progressing very fast and working well up to the Ritual ; indeed, I cannot give them too much praise for the manner in which they do their work. In Grand River Chapter they are making steady progress, and work well, and have perfect harmony in their Chapter. Waterloo Chapter is also making some progress, and I hope soon to see it in as good a position as it held some years ago.

I am happy to state that I have had no complaints during the year.

In conclusion, I sincerely thank the Companions of Wellington District for the honor conferred on me, and I sincerely regret that I did not have an opportunity of visiting all the Chapters.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

ALFRED TAYLOR,

Grand Superintendent Wellington District.

HAMILTON DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada :

I have the honor to present, herewith, my report on the progress of Royal Arch Masonry in the Hamilton District, during the year just closing.

It has been my pleasant privilege to be present at nearly all the Convocations of Hiram, St. John's, and Wentworth Chapters during the year, and on two occasions at St. Clair Chapter, Milton. The Ex. Z. of St. Clair Chapter assured me that the outlook for the Royal Craft in Milton was exceptionally bright and encouraging. St. John's Chapter, No. 6, and Hiram Chapter, No. 2, have enjoyed a degree of prosperity almost, if not quite, unprecedented, even in the history of these veteran chapters. So much so, that another chap-

ter in Hamilton will be a necessity in the near future, should the same extraordinary growth continue.

I have seen our beautiful ritual exemplified in Hamilton in a manner of which any chapter in any district might be justly proud.

Wentworth Chapter, No. 87, Dundas, the youngest member of the Royal Arch family in this jurisdiction, is in a prosperous condition, and will ere long be a very sturdy limb of the parent tree. Ex. Companion Bickford, to whose able and indefatigable efforts Masonry in Dundas owes much of its success and prosperity during the past two years, has contributed very materially towards this satisfactory state of affairs.

Throughout the District the utmost harmony and fraternal feeling prevail.

With one exception the degrees are conferred according to the "revised Ritual" in all the chapters, and I have good ground for believing that in a very short time it will be universally adopted in this District; and my opinion, based upon observation and experience, is, that the prosperity of Royal Arch Masonry would be greatly promoted by its universal adoption throughout the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter.

We have sustained a very severe loss in the removal to the Grand Chapter above of the late lamented Right Excellent Companion Jonathan Marshall Meakins, who passed to his rest on the 5th of May last. The immense number of Masons who followed his remains to their quiet resting place bore eloquent testimony to the universal esteem in which he was held, and no words of mine can add anything to the lustre of his honored name.

In conclusion, I beg leave to tender my heartfelt thanks to all the Companions in the District, by whose uniform

courtesy and kindness my official year has been made one of unalloyed pleasure.

Fraternally submitted.

THOMAS CLARK,

Grand Superintendent of Hamilton District.

DUNDAS, June 15th, 1882.

HURON DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of Canada :

In reporting for the last time upon the state of the Royal Craft in the Huron District, I am happy to be able to say that all the chapters in my jurisdiction are in a satisfactory condition.

In my last report I was obliged to refer to the unfortunate position then occupied by the Havelock and Seaforth chapters. I am now, however, glad to say, in a position to report that both chapters are in thoroughly efficient working order, and that they have, with my permission as Superintendent of the District, made such territorial arrangements as will, I hope and believe, prevent any repetition of their previous troubles.

ISAAC F. TOMS,

Grand Superintendent of Huron District.

Dated 14th June, 1882.

NIAGARA DISTRICT.

*To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Excellent Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada :*

In accordance with the requirements of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Canada, I have the honor to submit my Report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in the Niagara District.

I regret that I am not able to speak in such flattering terms respecting Royal Arch Masonry in this District as my predecessor.

The progress during the past year has not been very marked. I attribute much of the lukewarmness manifested to the considerable changes lately made in the ritual—changes which by many are not considered improvements, and cause older Companions inconvenience.

The several Chapters in this District are, however, in good working order, except King Hiram No. 57, Port Colborne, which, in common with the lodge there, lost its warrant and furniture by fire in January last. I am happy to say that the Companions propose to apply for a duplicate of their warrant, and re-organize during the coming autumn.

It is very satisfactory to be able to report that great harmony prevails throughout the District.

I have sanguine hopes that the reviving prosperity which appears to prevail throughout the country will have a beneficial effect among the Royal Craft, and that my successor will feel warranted in reporting much greater progress during the coming year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

I. P. WILLSON,

Grand Superintendent Niagara District.

WELLAND, July 11, 1882.

TORONTO DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., the Right Excellent and Very Excellent the Grand Officers and Excellent Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

In compliance with the requirements of the Constitution, I beg respectfully to submit my report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the Toronto District.

There are twelve Chapters in this District, viz.:—

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| No. 4, St. Andrew's and St. John's . . . | Toronto. |
| No. 8, King Solomon's | Toronto. |

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|------------------------------|--------------|
| No. 27, Manitou | Collingwood. |
| No. 34, Signet | Barrie. |
| No. 38, Seymour | Bradford. |
| No. 56, Georgian | Owen Sound. |
| No. 60, Doric | Newmarket. |
| No. 62, York | Eglington. |
| No. 65, Ontario | Yorkville. |
| No. 77, Occident | Toronto. |
| No. 79, Orient | Toronto. |
| No. 86, Macpherson | Meaford. |

I have visited all except No. 86, Meaford, for which I was unable to secure a meeting, owing to the absence of some of the Principals.

My first official act was to issue a circular calling the attention of Chapters to certain matters in connection with Royal Arch Masonry, which I deemed worthy of special mention, with the view that the requirements of the Constitution might be more fully carried out.

I pointed out to officers of chapters:—

1st. That as discussion had taken place regarding the proper clothing to be worn at funerals, and that although the Constitution permitted the attendance at funerals of Royal Arch Masons properly clothed, the simple clothing worn by Craft lodges was more appropriate, and that a more elaborate display was unnecessary and should be avoided, the exception being where Chapters were specially convened to take part in the ceremony. My reasons for referring to the matter were that my personal attention had been called on several occasions at funerals to the wearing of R. A. clothing by three or four Companions, the rest of the brethren attending as Craft Masons. The service is a Craft ceremony, and it is in keeping with it that those attending should be clothed as Craft Masons.

2nd. Regarding the request for dispensations so frequent—

ly made by Chapters in the past, to permit Companions to be installed as Principals without having served in other offices required by the Constitution, I pointed out that Companions should act strictly in harmony with the views expressed and confirmed by Grand Chapter, and avoid, in selecting officers, conflicting with the decisions of Grand Chapter, which were against the issue of dispensations for such purposes.

3rd. With reference to visiting Companions at Chapter meetings, I was aware from past experience that sufficient care was not taken in the examinations, and that they were of a most cursory character. I therefore asked that Principals should be particularly guarded in the admission of visitors, so that only those duly qualified should be admitted, and that suspended Companions from not only our own but foreign jurisdictions should be excluded. I felt it necessary to refer to this matter as certain suspended members of city chapters have been in the habit of visiting country chapters and assuming all the rights of Royal Arch Masons in good standing. It is only a few weeks ago that I had to notify a chapter that they were permitting the attendance at their meetings of not only a suspended Royal Arch, but also Craft Mason.

4th. I alluded to the neglect of Companions in many chapters to pay dues, and recommended that all defaulting Companions should be dealt with as provided by the Constitution, viz.: summoned, and if good cause were not shown suspended. But that the greatest care should be exercised where, through circumstances of unforeseen misfortune and calamity, payment was impossible; and that in such cases dues should be remitted. I showed that the sum required from each Companion was only a cent a day, a sum so infinitesimal that payment would not burden any Companion. I based my suggestion on experience gained while presiding in a Craft lodge, where, by a rigid application of the law in such cases, out of \$1,100 in dues current and in arrear, \$1,000

was collected in six weeks. Some of the city chapters have adopted the suggestion, and with good results. The arrearages in all the chapters in this district amount to about \$1,000, too large a sum for the number of chapters.

5th. I reminded chapters of the absolute necessity of their property being fully insured, so that in case of fire heavy loss might be avoided. All chapter furniture and property in this District is now insured.

I am pleased to state that my circular was well received by the chapters, and the many letters addressed to me by Principals and Companions evinced a spirit of cordial co-operation in the views expressed. I trust my action may have the approval of Grand Chapter.

Before giving my report of official visits to chapters it may not be uninteresting to judge by statistics of the strength of the chapters in the District, and by comparison show how each chapter has progressed since warranted. For the information of Grand Chapter I have compiled a couple of tables which show at a glance the progress made.

ROLL OF CHAPTERS, 1881-82.

| Number. | Admissions. | | Joinings. | | Withdrawals. | | Suspensions. | | Restorations. | | Deaths. | | Total. | |
|---------|-------------|-----|-----------|-----|--------------|-----|--------------|-----|---------------|-----|---------|-----|--------|-----|
| | '81 | '82 | '81 | '82 | '81 | '82 | '81 | '82 | '81 | '82 | '81 | '82 | '81 | '82 |
| 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 9 | 1 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 109 | 90 |
| 8 | 8 | 19 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 11 | 23 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 130 | 121 |
| 27 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 29 | 27 |
| 34 | 10 | 0 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 49 | 48 |
| 38 | 0 | 19 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 14 | 33 |
| 56 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 30 | 28 |
| 60 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 24 |
| 62 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 37 | 31 |
| 65 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 32 | 34 |
| 77 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 68 | 69 |
| 79 | 20 | 19 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 57 | 79 |
| 86 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 16 | 14 |
| | 59 | 67 | 19 | 3 | 14 | 23 | 22 | 43 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 9 | 596 | 597 |

Taking No. 1 table, which shows a comparison of 1882 with 1881, the total strength of the Chapters in the District has only increased by 1. The increase in individual Chapters is principally in No. 8 (King Solomon's), No. 79 (Orient) and No. 38 (Seymour). The actual admissions for the two years show an increase of 8 for 1882, although 5 of that number in Seymour Chapter should really be credited to 1881, and should have been entered in the return for that year. The joinings for 1881 were far in excess of 1882. The withdrawals in 1882, it will be noticed, are nearly double those of 1881. The increase in membership has been materially reduced by the suspensions. In both 1881 and 1882, the suspensions were large, those of 1882 being about double those of 1881. In 1882, where 23 are reported from one Chapter, I am aware that it was in this case absolutely necessary to take action, as the Companions suspended, in many cases, never entered the portals of a Chapter, and in others had been for years out of the jurisdiction, and that no notice was ever taken of repeated notifications of arrears due. It is hardly fair to the good paying members of a Chapter that they should continue paying dues to Grand Chapter for Companions who neglect their Masonic duties in not attending meetings and taking their share of Chapter work. The restorations, it is to be regretted, have been very few indeed. Providence has been merciful, and 9 only have gone over to "the great majority."

CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP, 1857-1882.

GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA.

| No. | '59 | '60 | '61 | '62 | '63 | '64 | '65 | '66 | '67 | '68 | '69 | '70 | '71 | '72 | '73 | '74 | '75 | '76 | '77 | '78 | '79 | '80 | '81 | '82 |
|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 4 | 86 | 90 | 110 | 112 | 105 | 107 | 87 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 43 | 97 | 95 | 103 | 109 | 116 | 110 | 115 | 112 | 112 | 114 | 109 | 90 |
| 8 | 36 | 55 | 71 | 85 | 63 | 53 | 53 | 46 | 53 | 58 | 61 | 83 | 104 | 101 | 115 | 126 | 138 | 145 | 145 | 175 | 148 | 133 | 130 | 121 |
| 27 | | | | | | | | 10 | 26 | 34 | 33 | 33 | 31 | 31 | 33 | 40 | 41 | 43 | 37 | 36 | 38 | 27 | 29 | 27 |
| 34 | | | | | | | | | | | 10 | 10 | 28 | 28 | 60 | 60 | 60 | 30 | 28 | 26 | 27 | 27 | 49 | 48 |
| 38 | | | | | | | | | | | | 10 | 41 | 36 | 34 | 35 | 32 | 30 | 26 | 16 | 27 | 27 | 14 | 33 |
| 56 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 9 | 25 | 25 | 30 | 32 | 37 | 37 | 41 | 30 | 28 |
| 60 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 10 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 20 | 21 | 23 | 25 | 24 |
| 62 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 12 | 18 | 18 | 23 | 33 | 35 | 35 | 37 | 31 |
| 65 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 11 | 23 | 27 | 31 | 30 | 29 | 32 | 34 |
| 77 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 33 | 52 | 57 | 60 | 68 | 69 |
| 79 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 18 | 18 | 26 | 37 | 57 | 79 |
| 86 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 14 | 16 | 14 |

In the tabular statement showing the increase and decrease in all chapters in this District since the organization of Grand Chapter, the additions have been large, yet the gross number has been depleted by over 250 suspensions and about 200 withdrawals. The number of the restorations does not exceed, year in and year out, three per cent. of the suspensions. Taking all the chapters since their organization, the joinings are about 25 per cent of the admissions, while the withdrawals exceed the joinings by about 25 per cent. So that what is lost in membership by withdrawals has to be made up by admissions in addition to the joinings. One would naturally expect that the joinings would make up any loss by withdrawals. The suspensions again are very large, and as said before the restorations are very small. The total strength of the District for 1881 was 596. The returns for 1882 show 597. The large additions to chapters have been pulled down by suspensions principally. Some of the chapters have not increased as much in membership as might have been desired, while a large number have tripled and quadrupled their membership since warranted. The increase is in the city chapters, where Masonic material is plentiful. Among the younger chapters specially prosperous, No. 77 (Occident) and No. 79 (Orient) are noticeable, while in the older chapters No. 8 (King Solomon's) the membership if not reduced by suspensions would have been large. In No. 38 (Seymour) a marked increase has taken place, and in one year it has about doubled its membership.

The business outlook in the country, it is claimed by many, affects the Masonic prospects, and the bad times which we have passed through are frequently quoted as an excuse for members of Craft lodges not entering Chapters, but if the returns to Grand Chapter are any indication, the per centage of admissions and joinings does not appear to have been materially affected by the monetary tightness which we Canadians have experienced. Is not rather the want of

life and vigor in many chapters due to a laxity of interest in the work by officers and members of chapters?

NO. 4, ST. ANDREW'S AND ST. JOHN'S, TORONTO.

In January last I installed the Principals and Officers of this chapter. The esteemed First Principal Ex. Companion Seymour Porter was in 1881, J. of the Chapter, and being ineligible for the office of Z., without dispensation, the chapter applied for the necessary authority to enable him to pass the chair of H. Comp. Porter being a P. M., I recommended the issue of the dispensation, and the Most Excellent the Grand Z. was pleased to grant the request. This Chapter has not had the meed of success that might be expected in the oldest chapter in the District, and during 1880-81 it was with difficulty that a quorum could be secured to carry on the necessary business of the chapter; indeed, at one time it became a matter of serious discussion whether, if more interest were not taken, it would not be as well to return the warrant to Grand Chapter. The First Principal is an energetic Mason, and is hopeful of soon restoring St. Andrew's and St. John's to its pristine vigor and glory. It will, however, require the greatest amount of attention from both Principals and Officers to revive the interest in the work in this chapter. Without a doubt it can be done—and no one is better fitted for the work than Comp. Porter, who is one of the best workers in Craft Masonry in Toronto. All that is wanted is one great, grand effort, and the old-time glory of the parent chapter of this District will again return. The Chapter Hall is the finest in Canada, the decorations, fittings and Masonic furniture are exquisite. The strength of the chapter is 90, nearly the same as it was ten years ago. There has been no work this year. There were 9 suspensions and 7 withdrawals.

NO. 8, KING SOLOMON'S, TORONTO.

In January I installed the Principals and officers of this chapter, and had the honor of attending the "Annual Ma-

sonic Banquet," for which this chapter is famous, and which was, intellectually and socially, a most enjoyable affair. King Solomon's is one of the most prosperous and best worked chapters in the district, has a large attendance of Companions at its meetings, and its Principals and officers are well up in the work. The chapter possesses a well suited and comfortable chapter room, in the Victoria Hall, Victoria street, Toronto. About a year ago a system of life membership was introduced, which has met with the hearty approval of Companions, a large number of whom have availed themselves of the scheme. The chapter is wealthy, lives rent free, has a large surplus in the bank and in invested funds and furniture. Ex. Comp. Alex. Patterson has shown his capacity for the work, in the rapidly increasing prosperity of the chapter. Last year 19 were admitted, and 1 by affiliation or joining. There were 23 suspensions. As a Past Principal of this chapter, I think that the action taken by derelict Companions was fully justified. Many of those suspended were out of the country, and had been for years, while others seemed perfectly indifferent and would not pay dues, either upon repeated personal application or after being duly summoned. This chapter is in a healthy financial condition, and has about \$3,000 assets.

NO. 27, MANITOU, COLLINGWOOD.

In June I visited Manitou Chapter, Collingwood. I examined the books and records of the chapter. I had not an opportunity of witnessing any work. This chapter ought to do better. It is well located. No work has been done up to the date of last return to Grand Chapter. Since February they have had an exaltation and one affiliation. Last month two applications were received. The chapter is financially all right, and has some hundreds of dollars invested. The membership in 1876 was 43, but it has been pulled down by withdrawals and suspensions, and for three years past there has been no increase in membership. The membership is 27, yet the average attendance is 11 ; not at all what

it should be in Manitou. The chapter room is commodious and very convenient. Ex. Comp. Gregory, with V. E. Comp. Nettleton, and all others, were most courteous and fraternal to me on the occasion of my visit. I shall long remember the happy hour I spent with the Companions at their hospitable board.

NO. 34, SIGNET, BARRIE.

In January last, I installed the Principals and Officers of this Chapter. As the Grand Chapter are aware, this Chapter was originally warranted at Orillia, but in 1880 it was removed to Barrie. Since removal a marked increase in membership has taken place. The work has not, however, been as energetic in 1882 as in 1881, no work having been brought up for inspection in the former year, while in the latter there were ten admissions. On the application of the Chapter I recommended the issue of a dispensation to instal E. Comp. C. H. Bosanko as Z., not having served as J.; he is a P. M. Also a dispensation to instal Comp. A. B. McPhie as H., not having filled the office of J. I am sure that the issue of these dispensations will be attended with good results. The strength of the Chapter is 48. At one time, when the warrant was in Orillia, 60 Companions were on the roll, but withdrawals, suspensions and deaths have reduced it to the present number. I had a most enthusiastic reception from V. E. Comp. Stevenson, and the Companions, and although it was a bitter cold night on the occasion of my visit, R. E. Comp. J. G. Burns, who accompanied me, and myself, will long remember the warm reception and happy re-union we had with the Companions of this northern chapter. A number of applications are in since the date of the last return to Grand Chapter, so that an increase of membership may be looked for in the ensuing twelve months. Financially the chapter is in excellent condition and the books are creditably kept.

NO. 38, SEYMOUR, BRADFORD.

In June I visited Bradford, and had the pleasure of meet-

ing with the Companions of Seymour Chapter. The Rt. Ex. the First Principal, Comp. W.H. Porter, is one of the best workers and most enthusiastic Masons in the district. In 1877,-78,-79,-80, no work was done. This year, however, 19 have been admitted and a further increase in membership is looked for. The returns for 1878 show a strength of 16, and those for 1880 show 27. The tabulated statement in the printed proceedings does not give any admissions or joinings, and therefore I cannot account for the apparent increase. The meetings average 12. Total strength of the Chapter is 33. Comp. Porter, it is only fair to state, has been in harness for three years; the rest of the Companions eligible are apparently shirking the work. Ex. Comp. H. S. Broughton is an excellent Scribe E., and with Comp. Porter, ought to have more assistance from the Companions. I noted that the opening and closing in the R. A. was given more accurately than in any chapter in the district. I had peculiar pleasure in my visitation, as many questions came up of the greatest interest, but which cannot be discussed in a published report. One point, however, was as to the payment of dues on members. It was claimed by some Companions that the Grand Chapter could not demand dues on one who has only been "marked." For instance, that a brother marked in December should not be paid for by the chapter till he was exalted, which might take place in February, a month after the returns were sent into the Grand Scribe E. I referred the Companions to clause 117 of the Constitution, page 40, which clearly lays down that from the date a brother receives the M.M. Degree he must be returned to Grand Chapter and his fees paid.

NO. 56, GEORGIAN, OWEN SOUND.

In June I paid a long looked-for visit to Owen Sound, and installed the Principals and officers of Georgian Chapter. The work has been better in 1882 than in 1881, and as favorable as in any year except 1876. The gross member-

ship is 28, about the same as in 1874, the second year of its organization. In 1878 there were 37 members, the present reduced membership being due to suspensions. The Chapter under Ex. Comp. McLachlan, ought to prosper. A number of applications have been sent in since February, which will not show this year in the returns. There have been 5 admitted to this date. The average attendance is 15. Comp. D. P. Urquhart is an excellent Scribe E. My visit was a most cordial one, and I have to thank R. E. Comp. Henry Macpherson, Grand H., Ex. Comps. McLachlan and Notter, and others, for the very handsome reception extended me. R. E. Comp. James Wilson, P. G. S., accompanied me, and added much to the interest of the meeting.

NO. 60, DORIC, NEWMARKET.

In January last I installed the Principals and Officers of Doric. I had a most kindly reception. This chapter, which was warranted in 1874, has had varying success up to 1881. In 1880 there were 2 admitted, and in 1882 there were 3. The strength of the chapter is 25. The work is well exemplified by Ex. Comp. Widdifield, P. Z., and Ex. Comp. D. W. Mayes, the present Z. of the chapter. The attendance is about the average of country chapters. The Companions were most hospitable to me, and I had a right royal welcome on the occasion of my visit.

NO. 62, YORK, EGLINGTON.

Misfortune has, I regret to state, visited York Chapter. Last January the hall at Eglinton in which the meetings have for years been held was burned down, and with it all the chapter robes, furniture and records. York Lodge, A. F. & A. M., also suffered by the same fire. The calamity came upon the chapter just at the time when, with new officers, good work was anticipated. The fire, however, put an end to the work. The membership is 34. During the past four years very little work has been done, there being only 6 admissions in that time. The meetings of the chap-

ter are now held in the Orange Hall. It is not in any way suited for the purposes of Capitular Masonry. The plans for the new township hall are out, and "York" will be back again to its old quarters. The chapter robes, &c., were covered by insurance, more by good luck than by good management. The warrant was saved through the energy of R. E. Comp. John Fisher, who, at the risk of his life, endeavored to save the Masonic records in the building, but was unsuccessful. I had the pleasure in April last of meeting the Companions, and had from them a cordial welcome.

NO. 65, ONTARIO, YORKVILLE.

In February last I installed Ex. Comp. W. S. Robinson and the officers of this chapter. As one of the younger chapters in the District it has made fair progress during the past two years. The Companions have an exceedingly well appointed hall in Yorkville, nicely furnished, and owned by Ashlar Lodge and Ontario Chapter on equal terms. R. E. Comp. J. G. Burns, of King Solomon's, and Ex. Comp. George Hodgetts, of St. Andrew's and St. John's, accompanied me on the occasion of my visit. The strength of the chapter is 34, and the average attendance is 15. A chapter in Yorkville should show a larger average attendance. Two were admitted last year, up to January 31st, and 4 more are ready for exaltation. I had great satisfaction in seeing the M. E. M. work exemplified by Ontario Chapter at the District Chapter of Instruction. The exemplification was perfect. Every one present was delighted with it. Ex. Comp. W. S. Robinson has shown that he has the ability to render the work, and his efforts should be seconded by the members.

NO. 77, OCCIDENT, TORONTO.

In January last I installed the Principals and Officers of Occident. The chapter has always been well worked and prosperous. Much of the success of this chapter is due to the untiring energy of R. E. Comp. James Wilson,

P. G. S., through whose efforts the present fine Chapter Hall, on Queen St. West, was secured. The degrees are all well exemplified in Occident. The attendance is not as good as it should be at regular meetings. The strength of the chapter is 69, and an average attendance of 15 is not up to the mark. Being the only chapter in the west end, and convenient for members, it seems to me that an attendance of 25 might be secured. V. Ex. Comp. W. Walker has charge of the chapter.

NO. 79, ORIENT, TORONTO.

Another of the very prosperous in this District. At the regular meeting for the election of officers the H. of the Chapter was elected Z., and the Companion not having served in the chair of a Craft Lodge a dispensation was applied for. I was also asked for a dispensation to instal Comp. Andrew Park as H., not having served as J. Having pointed out to the Companions in the earlier part of the month in my official circular the necessity of avoiding conflicts with the opinions of Grand Chapter, and knowing that unless in cases of extreme urgency the issue of a dispensation was undesirable and opposed to the expressed opinions of the M. E. the Grand Z., and Grand Chapter, I declined to recommend the issue of the dispensation. As it was for the best interest of the Chapter, there being no Companion eligible for the chair of H., I recommended the issue of the dispensation in Comp. Park's case. My action was in both cases ratified by the M. E. the Grand Z. I then directed a new election for the office of Z., which resulted in the election of that active worker and patriarch in the cause of Masonry, R. E. Comp. J. B. Nixon. V. E. Comp. F. Gallow, the P. Z., was an untiring worker, and has done much to add to the prosperity of Orient. Last return shows 19 added to the roll. The strength of the chapter is 79; one half of this number has been added since 1880. Orient is bound to do well, and it has a lot of live Masons on its roll. They meet in Victoria Hall at a moderate rental. The ex-

penses ought to be light, and I venture to suggest that the greatest economy should be used in the expenditure of the funds. I write this with the kindest feelings to the Chapter; many members, including the First Principal and Past Principal, are personal friends of my own. Orient has, I frankly admit, been the means of stirring up some dry bones in Capitular Masonry in Toronto, and I trust that the friendly rivalry which exists amongst the chapters will long continue.

NO. 86, MACPHERSON, MEAFORD.

This is the only chapter I was not able to meet with during my term of office. I endeavored on certain occasions to arrange for a meeting, but owing to the absence from town of some of the Principals, a meeting could not be secured for me. I was unable to visit in the earlier part of my term. The strength of the Chapter is 16. It was warranted in 1880, and but 2 have been added to the membership in three years. The average attendance is a bare quorum of 9, and up to this date only 6 meetings have been held. I confess that I cannot see the reason for the establishment of a chapter at Meaford, with Collingwood and Owen Sound chapters in such close proximity. I should think if it were only for the sake of the name of the highly respected Companion after whom the Chapter is called, more work ought to have been done. The fact that but 6 meetings have been held in a year and the average attendance only 9, is evidence that the interest taken in the Royal Craft in this neighborhood is very small. From my knowledge of Ex. Comp. McCarroll, I feel assured that his efforts have not been seconded as they should be, otherwise a different showing would be the result.

A DISTRICT CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION.

Early in May I notified the Companions in the District that on the 29th and 30th of that month I would hold a District Chapter of Instruction in the Victoria Masonic Hall,

Toronto, and asked for the assistance of the Principals and Officers of the District. This being the first time that, I believe, any such chapter had been held in Canada, I looked forward with some anxiety to the result. I was most favorably disappointed. It was a complete success—well attended, well worked, and masonically and socially a happy reunion. It was a red-letter day in Toronto for the Royal Craft. The Principals who had undertaken the work of the various degrees were enthusiastic, and I sincerely thank them. I had the honor of the presence of Rt. Ex. Comp. Henry Macpherson, Grand H., and Rt. Ex. Comp. Thomas Sargant, Grand J. I cannot speak too highly of the manner in which the work was exemplified. I am certain that the meeting has given an impetus to Royal Arch Masonry in this city, and I think that some of the country chapters are “catching on.” The chapter was worked as follows:—

The Mark Master’s Degree by Ex. Comp. Alex. Patterson and the officers of the King Solomon’s Chapter.

The Past Master’s Degree by Rt. Ex. Comp. J. B. Nixon and the officers of Orient Chapter.

The Most Excellent Master’s Degree by Ex. Comp. W. S. Robinson and the officers of Ontario Chapter.

The Supreme Degree of the Holy Royal Arch by Rt. Ex. Comp. James Wilson, P. G. Supt., and the officers of Occident Chapter.

The work occupied two evenings. On the 29th the subordinate degrees were worked, and on the 30th the Royal Arch. On both evenings a large number of Principals, officers and members of city and country chapters were present, and the greatest attention was paid to the work. I had intended to call the meeting at an earlier date, so that I might be certain of securing a large attendance of country members. I found, however, that as the new officers in a majority of chapters were elected in December and installed in January, it would

only be fair to give them a few months to perfect themselves in the new work. February would after this be a suitable month for a Lodge of Instruction. On closing the Chapter I had the pleasure of meeting the Companions at the National Club, where matters connected with the Royal Craft were discussed, and many promises of good work in the future.

THE WORK.

I understand that the various District Superintendents are expected to give an opinion as to the exemplification of the work in the chapters. My impression, formed from witnessing the work and conversations with Principals, is that the imparting of the work has had and is having good results. Prior to 1881 Principals and officers of chapters were always in doubt as to what was and what was not the work. This excuse cannot longer be offered.

I have so gone into details of work in the various chapters that a review of the year is hardly necessary. However, to be brief,—I can hardly congratulate Grand Chapter on the prospects of Capitular Masonry in this District. True, some chapters have done well, but the majority are far behind the standard. Even where chapters are prosperous, they have so much “deadwood” on their rolls that the suspension knife has to be used, and this cuts down the membership almost as fast as it is added to by new material. Suspensions, however, cannot occur every year. Hence good will come of it. I cannot assign any particular reason for the lack of interest in Royal Arch Masonry. Enthusiasm does not seem to permeate chapters as it does Craft lodges. Companions do not seem to care a jot about suspension, as is evidenced by the small number of restorations. There is something wrong, and he who may find the remedy for the evil, will deserve the lasting thanks of the Royal Craft. At the risk of being sharply criticized by those who will deign to read this report, I venture to suggest two or three changes that might give a substantial boom to Royal Arch Masonry. In the first place,

I think that the restrictions we place on Companions who fill the office of H. and J., by not allowing them to be installed as Z. until they are P. M.s, should be removed. I understand that in no other jurisdiction is this rule carried out. It would give Companions a much greater interest in the Royal Craft if they knew that on being elected J. or H. they would not be barred by the rule that none but P. M.s should occupy the chair of Z. I admit that in some cases the rule has served well, but in the majority of cases it would be better if no restriction were in force. Secondly, I think that the authorized work should be imparted to *all* the Principals. Thirdly, what militates as much against the success of Royal Arch Masonry is that the rule that First Principals must be W. M.s or P. M.s frequently places Companions in the position of having both chapters and Craft lodges to work,—yes, sometimes Councils and Preceptories. This is manifestly unfair. Fourthly, it would be better if all officers of chapters did not hold office in any other Masonic organization while they hold office in the chapter. We do not want divided interest—we need a Companion's entire enthusiasm, and all the time he can give to Capitular Masonry. While he holds office in the chapter we want him to make "the work" his hobby, and thus inspire every one with Masonic enthusiasm, down to him who guards "the outer portals." I have talked this matter over with scores of Royal Arch Masons, and I find the utmost unanimity on this point. The intense interest I take in the Craft is my excuse for making these few suggestions. While I write a thought occurs. I do not think that the higher degrees have benefited Royal Arch Masonry. The Cryptic degrees are essentially Royal Arch, and should be part and parcel of it, as much as the M. M. should be welded with the F. C. The higher rites have to a certain extent injured us. Our four degrees do not count in "the run" for the 32°, and this is not agreeable to those taking Chapter degrees.

Before closing, I think that some inflexible rule should be

adopted to compel chapters to send in their returns at the proper time to the Grand Scribe E. I have had to write three and four times to chapters in default. At this writing there are chapters which have not sent in their returns. Some Principals have suggested to me that our chapter returns should be made up to May 31, instead of January 31. Would it not be as well to do so? The returns, as reported at this Convocation of Grand Chapter, do not really show the work done since January last. Indeed, many of the additions to membership have been made since January 31, and therefore will not appear in the next annual report.

The posting of circulars of each meeting, to the Grand Superintendent, is sadly neglected. Outside of Toronto, only one chapter, "Signet," Barrie, sent me circulars with regularity.

I am of opinion that all suspensions by chapters should be reported to each chapter in the district, on such action being taken; so that all chapters would be in possession of the names of suspended brethren.

I think it should be imperative on the representatives of chapters, attending Grand Chapter, to give at the following meeting of their respective chapters, a synopsis of the business done at Grand Chapter.

In resigning my office as Grand Superintendent of the Toronto District, I cannot do so without expressing my thanks for the kind and generous treatment extended me by all Companions with whom I have had the pleasure of meeting, in my visitations to the different parts of the district. I am amply repaid for the time I have given, in knowing that the Companions appreciate my humble efforts in the cause; and I trust that the same spirit of cordiality may be extended to the Companion, whoever he may be, who will next year be honored with the charge of so important a district as that of "Toronto." I shall always remember with gratitude the courteous attentions I have received, and if any of the de-

cisions I have given have not harmonized with the views of some of those interested, I can only state that they have been given with the best intention, and a desire to do justice and carry out the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

J. ROSS ROBERTSON,

Grand Superintendent of Toronto District.

ONTARIO DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada:

In accordance with the Constitution of Grand Chapter, I submit the following report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the Ontario District.

No complaints of any kind have been made to me, and I think that harmony and good feeling prevail among the several chapters.

Having received no summons for meetings from several chapters, although having drawn their attention to clause LXXX. of the Constitution, I could not visit those chapters.

I regret to say that the officers and members of all the chapters in this district, with the exception of Corinthian Chapter, No. 38, have not taken that interest in the working of their chapters which they should do; although my advice to practice, and assistance in actual work, has very often been rendered, expecting by such a course to put more life into the chapters, but all of no avail.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAS. DOEBLER,

Grand Superintendent Ontario District.

PORT HOPE, June 26th, 1882.

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Council, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada:

In compliance with the Constitution of the Grand Chapter,

I beg respectfully to submit my report on Royal Arch Masonry in the Prince Edward District, for the past year.

The number of chapters in the district is four ; three of them are now in good working order. Moira Chapter, No. 7, is doing good work ; Prince Edward Chapter, No. 31, is also doing well. After a great deal of hard work and perseverance by the few Companions left of Mount Sinai Chapter, it affords me a great deal of pleasure to be able to report that they are now in good working order, and are doing good work.

With regard to St. Mark's Chapter, No. 26, Trenton, I have no good report to make, but would recommend the withdrawal of their charter by Grand Chapter.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES SMITH,

Grand Superintendent Prince Edward District.

BELLEVILLE, July 8th, 1882.

CENTRAL DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Chapter of Canada :

Again I have pleasure in submitting my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in this district.

I have little to report from the chapters in the district, and regret that I have not been able to visit the chapters in Kingston, but am assured they are in a fairly prosperous condition, especially Cataraqui, No. 12. Carleton, Grenville, and Maitland Chapters are doing well, and have had considerable work during the year. Granite Chapter, Perth, made application to me to grant the removal of the same to Almonte, as it was almost impossible to get enough at the former place to open the chapter. I have granted their request in this respect, and trust ere long to see the Granite Chapter in a flourishing condition. Sussex Chapter, Brockville, has remained dormant during the past year, and I doubt if there

is much hope for it until the Companions sink certain differences which, unfortunately, have been the bane of the chapter. Pembroke Chapter, I must report, is not in existence, as its warrant and other effects were destroyed by fire when the Masonic Hall was burned down.

JOHN MOORE,

Grand Superintendent Central District.

NEW BRUNSWICK DISTRICT.

To the Most Excellent Grand Z., Grand Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada:

In submitting my report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the New Brunswick District, for the past year, I regret that I cannot send to Grand Chapter a more favorable statement as to the prosperity of the Order in this jurisdiction. From some unaccountable cause all the chapters in this district are at a stand. Notwithstanding, we still hope that a change will soon take place, and the Royal Craft will again flourish among us.

In compliance with the request of the Grand Scribe E., I notified all the chapters to send in their returns, which I hope they have done.

In the month of April I received a petition from a number of Royal Arch Masons residing in Woodstock, Carleton County, asking for a dispensation to organize a chapter in that town. From my personal knowledge of the applicants, I had no hesitation in recommending that the prayer of the petition be complied with. In due course I received the dispensation, and immediately notified the parties. In reply to my notice they informed me that as soon as they received their paraphernalia they would let me know. Since that time I have not heard from them. The cause is obvious: the whole country has been agitated by the partisans of two political elections, which for a time cast Masonry into the shade; and, consequently, will delay Grand Chapter from

taking any action in granting them a warrant. But I have every confidence that when Woodstock Chapter is once organized, there is a bright prospect for them in the future.

I am happy to state that no complaints have been laid before me.

Respectfully submitted.

HENRY DUFFELL,

Grand Superintendent New Brunswick District.

SAINT JOHN, N. B., June 27th, 1882.

MANITOBA DISTRICT.

To the M. E. the Grand Z., Grand Officers and Companions of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada :

I have the honor to submit my report, as Grand Superintendent of the Manitoba District.

I have visited Prince Rupert's Chapter, No. 52, several times during the year, and it affords me much pleasure to be able to report that the flourishing and prosperous condition mentioned in my last report, still continues and increases. The officers are well up in the Ritual, take much interest in the working of the chapter, and are very efficient in everything pertaining thereto. No jar or dispute of any kind has arisen to mar the harmony of the chapter; but the utmost of good feeling prevails.

This is, as yet, the only chapter in Manitoba District.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted.

JOHN HEADLEY BELL,

Grand Superintendent Manitoba District.

On motion of R. E. Comp. J. J. Mason, seconded by R. E. Comp. Henry Robertson, the Reports of the Grand Superintendents of Districts were received, and referred to the Executive Committee for examination, and report thereon.

R. E. Comp. Henry Robertson, Chairman of the Commit-

tee on Foreign Correspondence, presented the report of the Committee, which, on motion of R. E. Comp. Henry Macpherson, seconded by R. E. Comp. Thomas Sargant, was received, and ordered to be printed as an Appendix to the Proceedings.

R. E. Comp. David McLellan, Grand Scribe E., submitted the annual statement of moneys received during the past year, together with the books, etc. He also submitted the Annual Statement of R. E. Comp. Edward Mitchell, Grand Treasurer, of receipts and disbursements, with vouchers attached.

ANNUAL STATEMENT, JULY, 1882,

DAVID McLELLAN, G. S. E., in Account with Grand Chapter.

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| No. 1—Anc't Frontenac..\$ 10 00 | Brought Forward..\$956 80 |
| " 2—The Hiram..... 106 60 | No.60—Doric..... 10 60 |
| " 3—St. John's... 32 90 | " 61—Granite..... 28 80 |
| " 4—St. Andrew and St. John..... 19 20 | " 63—Havelock..... 49 20 |
| " 5—St. George's... 18 00 | " 64—Willson... 33 00 |
| " 6—St. John's... 56 00 | " 65—Ontario.. 13 05 |
| " 7—Moir..... 60 60 | " 66—Seaforth..... 13 00 |
| " 8—King Solomon's.. 83 90 | " 68—Maitland..... 2 00 |
| " 11—St. Mark's... 3 40 | " 69—Grimsby... 6 20 |
| " 12—Cataraqui... 22 60 | " 70—Grand River.. 9 00 |
| " 16—Carleton..... 39 60 | " 71—Prince of Wales.. 10 20 |
| " 18—Oxford..... 11 20 | " 74—Beaver.... 15 40 |
| " 19—Mount Moriah.... 21 80 | " 75—St. Clair..... 12 40 |
| " 20—Mount Horeb... 1 00 | " 76—Mount Nebo 4 80 |
| " 22—Grenville... 35 20 | " 77—Occident..... 66 60 |
| " 24—Tecumseh... 30 70 | " 78—Minnewawa..... 51 00 |
| " 30—Huron..... 30 60 | " 79—Orient..... 47 00 |
| " 31—Prince Edward.. 23 00 | " 80—Ark..... 13 20 |
| " 32—Waterloo..... 9 20 | " 81—Aylmer..... 4 20 |
| " 34—Signet..... 2 00 | " 82—Shuniah..... 6 00 |
| " 36—Corinthian... 22 60 | " 83—Ionic..... 4 79 |
| " 37—Victoria... 13 80 | " 84—Lebanon..... 15 00 |
| " 38—Seymour..... 41 00 | " 85—Exeter..... 9 60 |
| " 39—Botsford..... 23 60 | " 86—Macpherson.. 2 80 |
| " 40—Guelph..... 32 30 | " 87—Wentworth.. 9 00 |
| " 41—Harris..... 17 60 | U. D.—Macnabb..... 40 00 |
| " 47—Wellington... 21 00 | U. D.—Woodstock... 40 00 |
| " 48—St. John's... 6 20 | Interest on \$4,500 Domi- nion Stock..... 225 00 |
| " 50—Saugeen... 8 20 | Interest on \$1,500 Toronto Land Security Co... 142 55 |
| " 52—Prince Rupert... 73 30 | Interest on Bank Deposits 66 74 |
| " 53—Bruce... 11 60 | Constitutions, &c., sold.. 40 80 |
| " 54—Palestine..... 50 70 | |
| " 56—Georgian..... 9 60 | |
| " 57—King Hiram..... 7 80 | |
| Carried Forward..\$956 80 | \$1,948 73 |

CASH STATEMENT.

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| 1882. | 1881. |
| July 8—To Receipts.....\$1948 73 | Oct. 12—By G. Treas.....\$150 00 |
| | " 27— " " 112 50 |
| | Dec. 31— " " 130 61 |
| | 1882. |
| | Feb. 16— " " 230 05 |
| | Apr. 24— " " 177 05 |
| | " 29— " " 238 60 |
| | May 8— " " 203 40 |
| | " 20— " " 117 70 |
| | June 23— " " 117 70 |
| | " 30— " " 223 39 |
| | July 8— " " 180 99 |
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| <u>\$1948 73</u> | <u>\$1948 73</u> |

RECAPITULATION.

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| Certificates..... | \$449 00 |
| Dues..... | 570 99 |
| Registration Fees..... | 221 00 |
| Dispensations..... | 92 00 |
| Constitutions..... | 113 95 |
| Ceremonies..... | 67 50 |
| Interest on \$4,500 Dominion Stock..... | 225 00 |
| Interest on \$1,500 Toronto Land Security Co..... | 142 55 |
| Interest on Bank Deposits..... | 66 74 |
| | <u>\$1948 73</u> |

E. MITCHELL, GRAND TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH GRAND CHAPTER.

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E. MITCHELL, Grand Treasurer.

Canadian Bank of Commerce, Hamilton, 8th July, 1882
and Treasurer of the Grand Chapter, in the books of this
E. MITCHELL, Manager.
H. H. MORRIS, Accountant.

We hereby certify that the balance at credit of H. Branch, at close of business at this date, is \$2,018 44.

E. MITCHELL, Manager.
H. H. MORRIS, Accountant.

H. H. MORRIS, Accountant.

Moved by R. E. Comp. Henry Macpherson, seconded by R. E. Comp. Thos. Sargant, and resolved:—

That the Annual Statements of the Grand S. E. and Grand Treasurer be received and referred to the Executive Committee for audit.

A letter of apology was then read from M. E. Comp. S. B. Harman, P. G. Z., expressing his regret that he would be unable to be present at this Annual Convocation.

Letters from Columbia Royal Arch Chapter No. 120, S. R., Victoria, British Columbia, and the Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia, were then read, both expressing their heartfelt sympathy with this Grand Chapter on account of the loss we have sustained by the death of our late esteemed and lamented Past Grand Z., M. E. Comp. Thomas Douglas Harington.

Letters were also read from the following Grand Bodies, viz.: From the M. W. Grand Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of the State of Tennessee, U. S. A., notifying this Grand Chapter of the death of R. E. Comp. George Stodart Blackie, A. M., M. D., Ph. D., who died on the 19th June, 1881, at 1.20 a.m., at his residence in Nashville, Tenn.

From the Grand Chapter of Alabama, informing the Grand Chapter of the death of M. E. Grand High Priest James Hervey Joiner, which sad event occurred at his home in Talladega on the 6th September, 1881, from a stroke of paralysis.

From the Grand Chapter of Missouri, sorrowfully announcing the death of M. E. Comp. Samuel H. Owens, Grand High Priest, and Past Grand Master of Masons of Missouri, who departed this life on Wednesday evening, 22nd February, 1882.

From R. E. Comp. Christopher G. Fox, General Grand Secretary; also, from R. E. Comp. Wm. Forbes, Representa-

tive of the Grand Chapter of the State of Illinois, both conveying the sad and mournful intelligence of the death of M. E. Companion Robert Farmer Bower, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, which occurred at his home in Keokuk, Iowa, on the 19th day of May, A. D. 1882, A. I. 2412.

R. E. Comp. David McLellan then presented the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island from 1798 to 1858, inclusive, in one volume, when it was moved by R. E. Comp. J. J. Mason, seconded by V. E. Comp. Hugh A. Mackay, and resolved :

That the thanks of Grand Chapter be tendered to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Rhode Island, for a presentation copy of a reprint of the Proceedings of that Grand Chapter, from its organization in 1798 to the year 1858, inclusive.

The Executive Committee beg leave to report as follows, viz :—

WARRANTS.

That they have examined the books of Macnabb Chapter, U. D., Dresden, and recommend that a Warrant be issued.

The books of Woodstock Chapter, U. D., Woodstock, N. B., have not been received. Your Committee, therefore, recommend that the M. E. the Grand Z. be requested to continue the dispensation for another year.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

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| NEW BRUNSWICK R. A. CHAPTER, No. 10, | } This case was considered last year, and held over until further particulars were obtained. These particulars have since been received, and as it appears that Companion Melick has been expelled from the Craft by the Grand Lodge of New |
| vs. | |
| JOHN MELICK. | |

Brunswick, for unmasonic conduct, his expulsion from Capitular Masonry follows as a matter of course, and it is only necessary now for the Grand Scribe E. to record the fact in the books of Grand Chapter.

AUDIT AND FINANCE.

They have examined the books of the Grand Scribe E. and Grand Treasurer, up to July 8th, 1882, and find them correct. The receipts and disbursements for the past year have been as follows :

RECEIPTS.

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| Cash on hand..... | \$1,802 47 |
| Certificates..... | \$ 449 00 |
| Dues..... | 570 99 |
| Registration Fees..... | 221 00 |
| Dispensations.... | 92 00 |
| Constitutions..... | 113 95 |
| Ceremonies..... | 67 50 |
| Interest on \$4,500 Dominion Stock..... | 225 00 |
| Interest on \$1,500 Toronto Land Security Stock, 1880..... | 142 55 |
| Interest on Bank Deposits..... | 66 74 |
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DISBURSEMENTS.

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| J. B. Traves, Printing Proceedings..... | \$ 198 39 |
| Lawson & Co., Constitutions..... | 92 75 |
| David McLellan, year's salary..... | 600 00 |
| “ Postage, Stationery, etc. | 52 62 |
| Mrs. T. B. Harris, grant, 1882..... | 200 00 |
| Printing and Stationery..... | 24 50 |
| Rolph, Smith & Co., Certificates..... | 84 50 |
| Testimonial to D. Spry..... | 150 00 |
| Henry Robertson, Report on Foreign Cor- respondence | 50 00 |

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| Foster, Davidson & Co., Safe..... | 275 00 | |
| Janitor's Fees..... | 5 00 | |
| | <hr/> | 1,732 76 |
| Cash on deposit in C. Bank of Commerce. | | 2,018 44 |
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| | | \$3,751 20 |

ASSETS.

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| Dominion Stock bearing 5% interest... | \$4,500 00 | |
| Toronto Land Security, Co., \$1,500.00, | | |
| Market value..... | 2,100 00 | |
| Cash on deposit..... | 2,018 44 | |
| | <hr/> | \$8,618 44 |

LIABILITIES.

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| A. Lawson & Co., Printing..... | \$ 4 50 | |
| J. Eastwood & Co., Minute Book..... | 6 00 | |
| Rolph, Smith & Co..... | 30 00 | |
| Foreign Correspondence..... | 50 00 | |
| Appropriation for Postage, etc., Grand | | |
| Scribe E., coming year..... | 60 00 | |
| | <hr/> | \$150 50 |

Your Committee have considered the application of E. Comp. S. H. Blondheim, of Cataraqui Chapter, No. 12, Kingston, which has been recommended by his chapter, and beg leave to recommend a grant of \$30,00.

Your Committee have received an application for assistance from King Hiram Chapter, Port Colborne, on account of having lost their furniture and effects by fire. Following the precedent made by Grand Chapter, we cannot recommend that any assistance be given, but recommend that they be given a new charter, free of charge.

Your Committee beg to recommend that a committee be appointed to provide a suitable regalia for, at least, the Elective Officers of Grand Chapter.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY.

To the M. E. the Grand First Principal, Council and Grand Chapter of R. A. Masons of Canada.

We, your Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry, beg respectfully to report:—

That reports from all the districts in this jurisdiction have been submitted to us.

Seven districts report the condition of Capitular Masonry satisfactory; five not as favorably.

With one exception, the utmost harmony prevails throughout the entire jurisdiction.

Almost every district speaks of “the work,” as laid down by Grand Chapter—a proof that the adopting of this uniformity has been of great service to the Royal Craft. Your committee, however, would recommend that more care be exercised in referring to it as the recognized ritual, and such other terms as particularly designate the existence of some portable means of information.

In one or two instances the recognized work has not been adopted in its entirety. This deflection G. D. Superintendents should not allow.

Complaint has been made from some districts that chapters do not forward the usual summons issued by the chapters to the G. D. Superintendent. Such neglect should be remedied.

London, Prince Edward and Central District each reports one chapter either out of existence or nearly so. Your committee would recommend that notice be given those chapters that unless their returns be made forthwith, or some satisfactory effort made to re-organize, their charters be withdrawn.

Death, the fell destroyer, has been among our ranks, and

it is with feelings of sadness we note the demise of our late M. Ex. Comp. T. D. Harington, P. G. Z., and R. Ex. Comp. J. M. Meakins. The latter for some years associated with us in making up this report. In them the Royal Craft has lost faithful and enthusiastic Companions.

In comparing the various reports received from the G. D. Superintendents, your committee must make especial mention of that submitted by that enthusiastic R. E. Companion, J. Ross Robertson, Toronto District. It is full, interesting, and complete, and must have taken considerable time in drafting and completing. In our humble opinion, it is the best report ever submitted to Grand Chapter from any district, and we would hold it before G. D. Superintendents as a model report.

We cannot close our report, after reading the various district reports submitted to us, without making the following recommendations:—

1st. That Chapters of Instruction, like that so successfully held in Toronto by R. Ex. Comp. J. Ross Robertson, be held in the various districts wherever practicable.

2nd. That all chapters should keep their furniture, &c., insured against fire, and that G. D. Superintendents see that such recommendation be carried out as far as possible, several chapters having suffered seriously from neglect of this.

3rd. That as the returns now made only show to the 31st January, leaving four months to be carried to another year, it would be better that they be made up to the 31st May, thus making the return year more in accordance with our meeting year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

REPORT ON THE M. E. THE GRAND Z.'S ADDRESS.

The Executive Committee have considered the Address of

the Most Excellent the Grand Z., and beg leave to report as follows:—

Your committee desire to express their deep regret at the death, by the hand of an assassin, of that distinguished member of the Masonic Brotherhood, the Chief Magistrate of the neighboring republic, and join with all law-abiding citizens in the condemnation of crimes of violence, and especially those directed against the lives of the constitutional rulers of nations.

During the year an attempt has also been made upon the life of our beloved Queen, but, by the merciful interposition of the all-wise Ruler of the Universe, it proved futile, and our gracious Sovereign has been spared, we trust, to many years of usefulness. We would recommend that a committee be appointed to prepare and send an address to our Most Excellent Companion, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, expressing our congratulations at the preservation of the life of Her Majesty, the esteemed Patroness of our Order.

We deeply deplore the death of Most Excellent Companion T. D. Harington, Past Grand Z. of this Grand Chapter. His many valued services to Grand Chapter, and in the promotion of the interests of Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction, will be long remembered; and his kindly deeds to members of the Craft of all grades will furnish a lasting monument to his memory. We have also to mourn the loss of R. E. Comp. J. M. Meakins, Past Grand Superintendent of the Hamilton District, whose labors on behalf of the Craft in his smaller field must prove of enduring value, and we recommend that Memorial pages be placed in the Proceedings of Grand Chapter to these distinguished Companions.

It is subject for congratulation that the number of dispensations for new chapters continues small, and it is to be desired that efforts will be specially directed to the promotion of the success of the existing chapters.

Your committee are glad to notice that few special dispensations have been issued during the past year, and trust that the necessity for such applications will speedily disappear.

It is pleasing to know that cordial relations continue to exist between this Grand Chapter and those of foreign jurisdictions, and that the bond of union is preserved by the appointment of worthy Companions to representative positions near the Grand Chapter. We cheerfully recommend the confirmation of the appointments made during the past Masonic year.

Your committee are assured that the efforts of the Most Excellent the Grand Z. have been directed to promote in every way the honor and dignity of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

HENRY MACPHERSON,

President of the Executive Committee.

It was moved by R. E. Comp. Henry Macpherson, seconded by R. E. Comp. Thos. Sargent, and resolved:

That the Report of the Executive Committee be received and adopted.

The following Companions presented their credentials and were severally greeted with the usual Masonic salutations, which were suitably acknowledged by them:

R.E.Comp. Robt. Hendry, jr., Kingston, G. Chap. N. Scotia.

“ “ Wm. Gibson, Beamsville, “ Tennessee

“ “ Donald McPhie, Hamilton, “ Penn.

V.E. Comp. John G. Robinson, in accordance with notice given at the last Annual Convocation, then moved, seconded by V. E. Comp. C. W. Brown, that the first clause of the Constitution, relating to Grand Superintendents of Districts, be amended so as to read as follows:—

“This officer must be a Past First Principal, and a resi-

dent of the district for which he is appointed, but no presiding First Principal of a chapter shall be eligible for election."

The vote of Grand Chapter having been taken, the motion was declared lost.

The election of officers was then proceeded with, the Grand Scribes acting as scrutineers of the ballot.

The following named Companions were declared duly elected:—

M. E. Comp. Donald Ross, Picton, re-elected, Grand Z.

R. E. " Henry Macpherson, Owen Sound,
re-elected, " H.

" " Thos. Sargent, Toronto, re-elected, " J.

The Grand Chapter was then called from labor to refreshment at 12.35 p.m.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor at 2.25 p.m.

PRESENT.

M. E. Comp. Donald Ross, Grand Z.

R. E. " Henry Macpherson, " H.

" " Thos. Sargent, " J.

On the Throne.

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

The following Companions were nominated by the Representatives from the respective districts, and approved by the M. E. Grand Z., as

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS.

V. E. Comp. Robert Mackay, St. Thomas, London District.

" " C. H. Slawson, Ingersoll, Wilson "

R. E. " James Lockie, Berlin, Wellington "

" " Wm. Gibson, Beamsville, Hamilton "

V. E. " Geo. J. Waugh, Stratford, Huron "

" " C. E. S. Black, Dunnville, Niagara "

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| V. E. Comp. | C. W. Brown, Toronto, | Toronto District. |
| R. E. | “ Chas. Doebler, Port Hope, | Ontario “ |
| V. E. | “ J. H. Murney, Picton, | P. Edward “ |
| R. E. | “ G. M. Wilkinson, Kingston, | Central “ |
| “ | “ Henry Duffell, St. John, | New Bruns. “ |
| E. | “ Wm. G. Scott, Winnipeg, | Manitoba, “ |

The election of officers was then continued, with the following result:—

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| R. E. Comp. | David McLellan, Hamilton, | re-elected, G'd S. E. |
| E. | “ George Hodgetts, Toronto, | “ S. N. |
| V. E. | “ R. B. Hungerford, London, | “ P. Soj. |
| R. E. | “ E. Mitchell, Hamilton, | re-elected, “ Treas. |
| V. E. | “ John Creasor, Owen Sound, | “ Reg. |

And by an open vote of Grand Chapter, Comp. John Sweetman, Ottawa, Grand Janitor.

The following named Companions were elected members of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year:—

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| R. E. Comp. | Henry Robertson..... | Collingwood. |
| “ | “ John McLaren..... | Orangeville. |
| “ | “ Jas. B. Nixon..... | Toronto. |
| “ | “ Wm. Forbes..... | Grimsby. |
| “ | “ J. J. Mason..... | Hamilton. |

M. E. Comp. Donald Ross, Grand Z., was then pleased to appoint the following Companions as members of the Executive Committee for the ensuing year, viz:—

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| R. E. Comp. | A. G. Smyth..... | London. |
| “ | “ Robert Hendry, jr..... | Kingston. |
| “ | “ Thos. C. Macnabb..... | Chatham. |
| “ | “ H. K. Maitland..... | Guelph. |
| V. E. | “ Hugh A. Mackay..... | Hamilton. |

M. E. Comp. Daniel Spry, Past Grand Z., assisted by M.

E. Comp. James Seymour, Past Grand Z., then proceeded with the installation and investiture of the newly elected officers, who were proclaimed and saluted with the customary Masonic honors.

At a subsequent date the M. E. Grand Z. was pleased to notify the Grand Scribe E. of the following appointments to office for the ensuing year, viz :—

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

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| V. E. Comp. | William G. Reid, Hamilton, | Grand 1st As. Soj. |
| “ | “ C. H. Bosanko, Barrie, | “ 2nd “ |
| “ | “ J. B. Traves, Port Hope, | “ Sword B'r. |
| “ | “ W. T. Bray, Wingham, | “ M. of Veils. |
| “ | “ J. H. Widdifield, Newmarket, | “ Stand. B'r. |
| “ | “ L. S. Oille, St. Catharines, | “ Dir. of Cer. |
| “ | “ John Scoon, Guelph, | “ Organist. |
| “ | “ Alex. Irvine, Harriston, | “ Pursuivant. |
| “ | “ D. McPhail, London, | “ Steward. |
| “ | “ Henry Cooke, Goderich, | “ “ |
| “ | “ Benj. R. Stevenson, St. Andrew, N. B., | “ “ |
| “ | “ J. M. Clement, Niagara, | “ “ |

The M. E. Grand Z. directed that each Companion elected or appointed to office, not having presented himself for installation or investiture, is to be installed or invested in the chapter of which he is a member.

The M. E. Grand Z. then appointed the following committees:—

SCHEME OF BENEVOLENCE.

R. E. Comp. Henry Robertson.

M. E. “ Daniel Spry.

“ “ L. H. Henderson.

Re-appointed from last year.

CONGRATULATORY ADDRESS TO THE M. E. GRAND
Z. OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ENGLAND,
H. R. H. THE PRINCE OF WALES.

M. E. Comp. Daniel Spry.

R. E. " Henry Macpherson.

 " " Henry Robertson.

 " " John Creasor.

REGALIA.

R. E. Comp. J. B. Nixon.

 " " John McLaren.

 " " J. J. Mason.

MOTION.

Moved by R. E. Comp. Henry Macpherson, seconded by
R. E. Comp. Thos. Sargant, and resolved:

That the cordial thanks of this Grand Chapter be tendered
to the Companions of St. John's Chapter, No. 3, and St.
George's Chapter, No. 5, of the City of London, for the ex-
cellent arrangements made for the holding of the Annual
Convocation of Grand Chapter, and for the generous hospi-
tality extended to the representatives and visitors.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

The following Notices of Motion for next Annual Convoca-
tion were given, viz:—

, By R. E. Comp. J. J. Mason, Hamilton,—

I give notice that I will move at the next Annual Convo-
cation of Grand Chapter, that Clause XIV. of "The Grand
Chapter," in the Book of Constitution, be amended by adding
thereto the following words: "Returns of subordinate chap-
ters shall be made up to the 31st May in each year, and the
financial year of Grand Chapter shall end on the 30th
June."

By R. E. Comp. Jas. Lockie, Berlin,—

I hereby give notice that at the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter I will move that Clause I. of "The Grand Chapter," in the Book of Constitution, be amended by striking out "Past Z., H. and J. of every subordinate chapter being subscribing members to some regular chapter," and substituting therefor the words "Past First Principals of every subordinate chapter being members of some regular chapter."

The labors of Grand Chapter being ended it was closed in Ample Form, at 2.55 p. m.



David M. Lellan.

GRANT SCRIBE E.

RETURN OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS ACCORDING TO LAST RETURNS RECEIVED.

| NO. | NAME. | WHERE HELD. | NIGHT OF MEETING. | FIRST PRINCIPAL Z. | SCRIBE E. |
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| 1 | Anci't Frontenac | Kingston.....C | Third Tuesday in Feb., May, Aug.&Nov. | Wm. M. Baillie.... | A. LeRicheux. |
| 2 | The Hiram..... | Hamilton.....H | First Monday of every month..... | S. E. Townsend.. | W. C. Morton. |
| 3 | St. John's..... | London.....L | Fourth Wednesday of every month.... | Wm. Hawthorn... | John Siddons. |
| 4 | St.And'w & St.J'h'n | Toronto.....T | Third Friday of every month..... | S. Porter..... | D. Sinclair. |
| 5 | St. George's..... | London.....L | Third Tuesday of every month..... | T. Brock..... | Wm. R. Browne. |
| 6 | St. John's..... | Hamilton.....H | Second Thursday of every month..... | J. Malloy..... | A. Doherty. |
| 7 | Moirs..... | Belleville...P.E | First Tuesday of every month..... | Geo. D. Dickson.. | A. McGinnis. |
| 8 | King Solomon's... | Toronto.....T | Third Monday of every month..... | A. Patterson..... | P. J. Slatter. |
| 10 | New Brunswick.. | St. John.....N.B | First Thursday of every month..... | W. H. B. Sadlier.. | H'y M. Hamilton. |
| 11 | St. Mark's..... | St.Andrew's N.B | Second Thursday of each month..... | Benj. R. Stevenson. | W. D. Forster. |
| 12 | Cataraqui..... | Kingston.....C | Second Monday in Feb., May, Aug.&Nov. | W. Waddington, jr. | W. S. Smyth. |
| 15 | Wawanosh..... | Sarnia.....S | Second Friday in Jan., April, July & Oct | E. A. Vidal..... | James Woods. |
| 16 | Carleton..... | Ottawa.....C | Second Monday of every month..... | Edwin Plant..... | W. H. Morgan. |
| 18 | Oxford..... | Woodstock...W | First Friday of every month..... | Chas. L. Beard.... | Jas. Wilson. |
| 19 | Mount Moriah... | St.Catharines.N | Friday on or before f. moon of each m'th | Levi Yale..... | Geo. B. Coy. |
| 20 | Mount Horeb... | Brantford.....W | First Wednesday of every month..... | D. Curtis..... | Robt. Morton. |
| 22 | Grenville..... | Prescott.....C | First Wednesday in Jan., April, July & Oct. | Jas. H. Kenning.. | Chas. Plumb, jr. |
| 23 | Ezra..... | Simcoe.....W | Second Wednesday of every month.... | Robert Rochester.. | John Wilson. |
| 24 | Tecumseh..... | Stratford....Hn | Last Tuesday of every month..... | J. L. Richmond.... | W. R. Knox. |
| 26 | St. Mark's..... | Trenton....P.E | Second Wednesday of every month..... | No returns..... | No returns. |
| 27 | Manitou..... | Collingwood...T | First Friday of every month..... | F. B. Gregory..... | W. R. Anderson. |
| 28 | Pentalpha..... | Oshawa.....O | First Friday of every month..... | H. B. F. Odell.... | L. H. Murton. |
| 29 | McCallum | Dunnville...N | Friday on or after f. moon of each month | John Parry..... | Archibald Couper. |
| 30 | Huron..... | Goderich.....Hn | First Friday of every month..... | Richard Radcliffe.. | Alex. McD. Allen. |
| 31 | Prince Edward.. | Pictou.....P.E | Friday on or after every full moon.... | David W. Allison.. | Donald Ross |
| 32 | Waterloo..... | Galt.....Wn | Monday on or after f. moon of each m'th | Wm. Cowan..... | Jas. M. Hood. |

Return of Subordinate Chapters, Etc., (Continued.)

| NO. | NAME. | WHERE HELD. | NIGHT OF MEETING. | FIRST PRINCIPAL Z. | SCRIBE E. |
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| 34 | Signet | Barrie | T First Tuesday of every month..... | C. H. Bosanko..... | B. J. Zimmermann. |
| 35 | Keystone | Whitby | O Third Thursday of every month..... | John Stanton..... | J. H. Addison. |
| 36 | Corinthian | Peterboro | O Third Friday of every month..... | John Hull..... | R. A. Morrow. |
| 37 | Victoria | Port Hope | O Second Thursday of every month..... | James Evans..... | W. B. Wallace. |
| 38 | Seymour | Bradford | T Friday on or before f. moon of each m'th | Wm. H. Porter..... | H. E. Broughton. |
| 39 | Botsford | Moncton ..N. B. | T Third Monday of every month.. . . . | Jas. W. Wallace.. | Geo. Ackman. |
| 40 | Guelph..... | Guelph | Wn First Tuesday after f. moon of each m'th. | John Scoon..... | J. A. Saunders. |
| 41 | Harris | Ingersoll | W First Tuesday after f. moon of each m'th. | C. H. Slawson..... | W. A. Woolson. |
| 44 | Mount Sinai | Napanee....P. E. | E First Thursday of every month..... | J. F. Ferguson | E. S. Lapurn. |
| 45 | Excelsior | Colborne.....O | O First Thursday of every month..... | No returns..... | No returns. |
| 46 | St. James | St. Mary's...Hn | Hn Second Wednesday of every month.... | No returns..... | No returns. |
| 47 | Wellington | Chatham | L Thursday on or before f. moon each m'th | Fred Bates..... | W. L. Tackabery. |
| 48 | St. John's | Cobourg | O Friday on or before f. moon every month | R. J. Winch..... | Geo. J. Stephens. |
| 49 | Elora | Elora | Wn Wednesday after f. moon every month | J. M. Fraser..... | Wm. E. Savage. |
| 50 | Saugen | Walkerton ..Wn | Wn Sec. Wed. Jan., Mar., May, July, Sept., Oct | Jos. Craig | J. F. H. Gunn. |
| 52 | Prince Rupert .. | Winnipeg | M First Thursday of every month..... | C. F. Forrest..... | Wm. N. Hood. |
| 53 | Bruce | Petrolia | L First Thursday of every month..... | J Sinclair | R. Lawyer. |
| 54 | Palestine | St. Thomas ..L | L First Tuesday of every month..... | Robt. McKay..... | N. W. Ford. |
| 55 | Niagara | Niagara | N Thursday after f. moon of every month. | Henry Jas. Brown. | Geo. J. Miller. |
| 56 | Georgian | Owen Sound..T | T First Tuesday of every month..... | R. Notter | D. P. Urquhart. |
| 57 | King Hiram | Pt. Colborne..N | N First Thursday of every month..... | Thos. Rae | S. R. Cleveland. |
| 58 | Pembroke | Pembroke ....C | C First Monday of every month..... | No returns..... | No returns. |
| 59 | Sussex | Brockville ....C | C Friday on or before f. moon of each m'th. | No returns..... | No returns. |
| 60 | Doric | Newmarket ...T | T First Wednesday of every month..... | D. W. Mayes..... | A. M. Hood. |
| 61 | Granite | Almonte.....C | C Second Monday of every month..... | W. Walker..... | Jas. Bell. |
| 62 | York | EglingtonT | T Fourth Thursday of every month..... | S. J. Humberstone. | Jno. McCarter. |

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| 63 | Havelock | Kincardine...H ^N | First Monday of every month..... | John S. Tennant... | Rich'd D. Hall. |
| 64 | Willson | Welland | Last Wednesday of every month..... | M. W. Bridgman... | F. C. Willson. |
| 65 | Ontario | Yorkville | Second Wednesday of every month..... | Wm. S. Robinson... | Selby G. Allan. |
| 66 | Seaforth | Clinton...H ^N | Friday before full moon of every month. | A. Slimmon | M. R. Counter. |
| 67 | Enterprise | Harriston...W ^N | Tuesday after full moon of every month. | Alex. M'chie | H. H. Dewar. |
| 68 | Maitland | Harriston...C | Thur. nearest f.m. in Mar., June, Sep., Dec. | John Moore | David Lynch. |
| 69 | Grimsby | Grimsby ...N | 1st Wed. in Jan., Mar., May, July, Sep., Dec. | Wm. Forbes | Wm. Gibson. |
| 70 | Grand River .. | Berlin | First Wednesday after full moon..... | J. Suddaby..... | Chas. Huber. |
| 71 | Prince of Wales. | Amherstburg...L | First Wednesday on or before full moon | W. T. Wilkinson.. | Geo. Green. |
| 73 | Erie | Port Stanley..L | First Friday in every month..... | No returns. | No returns. |
| 74 | Beaver | Strathroy ...L | Second Tuesday of each month..... | W. H. Grant..... | Jas Noble. |
| 75 | St. Clair | Milton | Second Wed. in Jan. & alternate months. | J. E. Harrison... | F. Dixon. |
| 76 | Mount Nebo..... | Drummondv'l N | First Friday after full moon..... | Geo. J. Duncan... | John Gray. |
| 77 | Occident | Toronto | Fourth Monday of every month..... | W. Walker..... | W. J. Turner. |
| 78 | Winnewawa | Park Hill ...L | Third Wednesday of each month..... | W. D. Grigg..... | W. Caw. |
| 79 | Orient | Toronto | Third Wednesday of every month..... | J. B. Nixon..... | Andrew Park. |
| 80 | Ark | Windsor | First Wednesday of each month..... | Jos. Parks | Thos. Burnie. |
| 81 | Aylmer | P. A. Landing..H ^N | Friday on or after f. moon of every month | Asa Miller..... | S. S. Clutton. |
| 82 | Shuniah | Orangeville..W ^N | Tuesday after full moon of every month | S. W. Ray..... | R. E. Mitchell. |
| 83 | Ionic | Wingham . H ^N | First Wednesday of each month..... | Wm. Watson..... | S. S. McCormack. |
| 84 | Lebanon | Exeter | First Tuesday of each month..... | Benj. Willson..... | Jas. Fleuty. |
| 85 | Exeter | Meaford | Second Thursday of each month..... | W. D. Bright.... | Geo. Samwell. |
| 86 | Macpherson | Dundas | Friday on or after each full moon..... | Thos. McCarroll .. | F. S. Clarke. |
| 87 | Wentworth | Dresden | Monday after f. moon of every month.. | H. C. Gwyn..... | Henry Lennard. |
| 88 | Macnabb | | | T. C. Macnabb.... | |

NOTE.—The capital letters on the right of "where held" column indicate the several Districts, viz:—C., Central; H., Hamilton; H^N., Huron; L., London; M., Manitoba; N., Niagara; N. B., New Brunswick; O. Ontario; P. E., Prince Edward; W., Wilson; W^N., Wellington.

BALANCES IN LEDGER, JULY, 1882.

| NO. | NAME OF CHAPTER. | PLACE OF MEETING. | WARRANT GRANTED. | NO RET'NS | NO RETURNS. | LAST RETURN. | AM'T THEN DUE. | CREDIT |
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| 1 | Ancient Frontenac | Kingston | A. D. 1795.. | | | Jan. 31, 1882 | | |
| 2 | The Hiram | Hamilton | " 1820.. | | | " " | | |
| 3 | St. John's | London | " 1844.. | ..... | ..... | " " | ..... | ..... |
| 4 | St. Andrew and St. John | Toronto | " 1847.. | ..... | ..... | " " | ..... | 20 |
| 5 | St. George's | London | " 1854.. | ..... | ..... | " " | ..... | ..... |
| 6 | St. John's | Hamilton | " 1855.. | ..... | ..... | " " | ..... | ..... |
| 7 | Moir | Belleville | " 1856.. | ..... | ..... | " " | ..... | ..... |
| 8 | King Solomon's | Toronto | " 1857.. | ..... | ..... | " " | 80 | ..... |
| 10 | New Brunswick | St. John, N. B. | Feb. 24, 1859 | ..... | ..... | " " | ..... | 22 00 |
| 11 | St. Mark's | St. Andrew, N. B. | Sept. 1846.. | ..... | ..... | " " | ..... | ..... |
| 12 | Cataraqui | Kingston | A. D. 1859.. | ..... | ..... | " " | ..... | 2 00 |
| 15 | Wawanosh | Sarnia | Feb. 8, 1860 | ..... | ..... | " " | 1881 | ..... |
| 16 | Carleton | Ottawa ..... | " " | ..... | ..... | " " | 1882 | ..... |
| 18 | Oxford | Woodstock ..... | " " | ..... | ..... | " " | ..... | ..... |
| 19 | Mount Moriah | St. Catharines | Feb. 21, 1861 | ..... | ..... | " " | ..... | ..... |
| 20 | Mount Horeb | Brantford ..... | " " | ..... | ..... | " " | 60 | ..... |
| 22 | Grenville | Prescott | Feb. 20, 1862 | ..... | ..... | " " | ..... | ..... |
| 23 | Ezra | Simcoe ..... | " " | ..... | ..... | " " | ..... | ..... |
| 24 | Tecumseh | Stratford | Aug. 11, 1863 | ..... | ..... | " " | 19 60 | ..... |
| 26 | St. Mark's | Trenton | Aug. 14, 1866 | 1874-5 | 6 7 8-9 80-1 2 | " " | 1873 19 00 | ..... |
| 27 | Manitou | Collingwood ..... | " " | ..... | ..... | " " | 1882 | ..... |
| 28 | Pentalpha | Oshawa | Aug. 13, 1867 | ..... | ..... | " " | 1881 | ..... |
| 29 | McCallum | Dunville | " " | | | " " | 14 20 | |
| 30 | Huron | Goderich | " " | | | " " | 1882 | |
| 31 | Prince Edward | Picton | Aug. 11, 1868 | | | " " | | |

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| 32 | Waterloo | Galt | Aug. 11, 1868 | | | Jan. 31, 1882 | | |
| 34 | Signet | Barrie | Aug. 10, 1869 | | | " | 9 80 | |
| 35 | Keystone | Whitby | " | | | " | 1881 | 21 10 |
| 36 | Corinthian | Peterboro' | " | ..... | ..... | " | 1882 | ..... |
| 37 | Victoria | Port Hope | " | ..... | ..... | " | " | ..... |
| 38 | Seymour | Bradford | Aug. 10, 1870 | ..... | ..... | " | " | 1 60 |
| 39 | Botsford | Moncton, N. B. | " | ..... | ..... | " | " | ..... |
| 40 | Guelph | Guelph | " | ..... | ..... | " | " | ..... |
| 41 | Harris | Ingersoll | " | ..... | ..... | " | " | ..... |
| 44 | Mount Sinai | Napanee | Aug. 9, 1871 | ..... | ..... | " | " | 41 00 |
| 45 | Excelsior | Colborne | " | ..... | ..... | " | 1880 | 13 60 |
| 46 | St. James | St. Mary's | " | ..... | 74-5-6 | " | 1873 | 2 75 |
| 47 | Wellington | Chatham | " | ..... | ..... | " | 1882 | 3 00 |
| 48 | St. John's | Cobourg | Aug. 14, 1872 | ..... | ..... | " | " | ..... |
| 49 | Elora | Elora | " | ..... | ..... | " | 1881 | 1 00 |
| 50 | Saugeen | Walkerton | " | ..... | ..... | " | 1882 | 15 20 |
| 52 | Prince Rupert's | Winnipeg | " | ..... | ..... | " | " | 20 |
| 53 | Bruce | Petrolia | " | ..... | ..... | " | " | ..... |
| 54 | Palestine | St. Thomas | Aug. 13, 1873 | ..... | ..... | " | " | ..... |
| 55 | Niagara | Niagara | " | ..... | ..... | " | " | 16 40 |
| 56 | Georgian | Owen Sound | " | ..... | ..... | " | " | 10 20 |
| 57 | King Hiram | Port Colborne | Aug. 14, 1874 | ..... | ..... | " | " | 4 00 |
| 58 | Pembroke | Pembroke | " | ..... | ..... | " | " | ..... |
| 59 | Sussex | Brockville | " | ..... | ..... | " | 1875 | 10 00 |
| 60 | Doric | Newmarket | " | ..... | ..... | " | 1879 | 7 60 |
| 61 | Granite | Almonte | " | ..... | ..... | " | 1882 | 20 |
| 62 | York | Eglington | " | ..... | ..... | " | " | ..... |
| 63 | Havelock | Kincardine | " | ..... | ..... | " | " | ..... |
| 64 | Willson | Welland | Aug. 11, 1875 | ..... | ..... | " | " | 10 00 |
| 65 | Ontario | Yorkville | " | ..... | ..... | " | " | ..... |
| 66 | Seaforth | Clinton | " | ..... | ..... | " | " | ..... |
| 67 | Enterprise | Harriston | " | ..... | ..... | " | 1881 | ..... |

BALANCES IN LEDGER, JULY, 1882.—Continued.

| NO. | NAME OF CHAPTER. | PLACE OF MEETING. | WARRANT GRANTED. | NO RET'NS | NO RETURNS. | LAST RETURN. | AM'T THEN DUE. | CREDIT |
|-----|-----------------------|----------------------|------------------|-----------|------------------|---------------|----------------|--------|
| 68 | Maitland | Maitland | Aug. 11, 1875 | ..... | ..... | Jan. 31, 1882 | ..... | ..... |
| 69 | Grimsby | Grimsby ..... | " | ..... | ..... | " | ..... | ..... |
| 70 | Grand River | Berlin | Aug. 9, 1876 | ..... | ..... | " | ..... | ..... |
| 71 | Prince of Wales | Amherstburg ..... | " | ..... | ..... | " | ..... | ..... |
| 73 | Erie | Port Stanley ..... | " | ..... | ..... | " | ..... | ..... |
| 74 | Beaver | Strathroy ..... | " | ..... | 1879 1880-1-2... | 1878 | ..... | ..... |
| 75 | St. Clair | Milton ..... | " | ..... | ..... | 1882 | ..... | ..... |
| 76 | Mount Nebo | Drummondville .. | " | ..... | ..... | " | ..... | ..... |
| 77 | Occident | Toronto ..... | " | ..... | ..... | " | ..... | ..... |
| 78 | Minnewawa | Park Hill | Aug. 8, 1877 | ..... | ..... | " | ..... | ..... |
| 79 | Orient | Toronto ..... | " | ..... | ..... | 1881 | ..... | ..... |
| 80 | Ark | Windsor ..... | " | ..... | ..... | 1882 | ..... | ..... |
| 81 | Aylmer | Aylmer | Aug. 14, 1878 | ..... | ..... | " | ..... | ..... |
| 82 | Shuniah | Pr. Arthur's Landing | " | ..... | ..... | " | ..... | ..... |
| 83 | Ionic | Orangeville ..... | " | ..... | ..... | " | ..... | ..... |
| 84 | Lebanon | Wingham ..... | " | ..... | ..... | " | 4 80 | ..... |
| 85 | Exeter | Exeter ..... | " | ..... | ..... | " | ..... | ..... |
| 86 | Macpherson | Meaford | Aug. 13, 1879 | ..... | ..... | " | ..... | ..... |
| 87 | Wentworth | Dundas | July 16, 1880 | ..... | ..... | " | ..... | ..... |
| 88 | Macnabb | Dresden | July 14, 1882 | ..... | ..... | " | ..... | ..... |

TABULAR STATEMENT EXTRACTED FROM THE RETURNS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st JANUARY, 1882.

| NO. | NAME OF CHAPTER. | PLACE OF MEETING. | No. of Admis- sions. | No. of Join- ings. | Restor'd | With- drawals | Suspen- sions. | Expell'd | Deaths. | No. of Members |
|-----|---------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------|------------------|-------------------|----------|---------|-------------------|
| 1 | Ancient Frontenac.. | Kingston.. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 3 | 53 |
| 2 | The Hiram..... | Hamilton.. | 11 | 2 | ..... | 4 | ..... | ..... | 2 | 184 |
| 3 | St. John's..... | London..... | 4 | 1 | 2 | ..... | 4 | ..... | 2 | 92 |
| 4 | St. Andrew and St. John.. | Toronto..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 7 | ..... | 3 | 90 |
| 5 | St. George's..... | London..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 3 | 3 | ..... | ..... | 90 |
| 6 | St. John's..... | Hamilton.. | 6 | ..... | ..... | 3 | 17 | ..... | 1 | 180 |
| 7 | Moir..... | Belleville.. | 11 | ..... | ..... | 1 | ..... | ..... | 5 | 98 |
| 8 | King Solomon's..... | Toronto..... | 19 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 22 | ..... | ..... | 121 |
| 10 | New Brunswick..... | St. John, N. B. . | 3 | ..... | ..... | 2 | 7 | ..... | ..... | 95 |
| 11 | St. Mark's..... | St. Andrew, N. B. . | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 17 |
| 12 | Cataraqui..... | Kingston.. | 3 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 78 |
| 15 | Wawanosh..... | Sarnia..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 68 |
| 16 | Carleton..... | Ottawa..... | 6 | 4 | ..... | 1 | ..... | ..... | 3 | 73 |
| 18 | Oxford..... | Woodstock.. | 1 | ..... | ..... | 3 | ..... | ..... | 1 | 39 |
| 19 | Mount Moriah..... | St. Catharines.. | 3 | ..... | ..... | 5 | 5 | ..... | 2 | 64 |
| 20 | Mount Horeb..... | Brantford..... | 3 | ..... | ..... | 1 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 32 |
| 22 | Grenville..... | Prescott..... | 7 | ..... | ..... | 7 | 1 | ..... | 5 | 41 |
| 23 | Ezra..... | Simcoe..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 19 |
| 24 | Tecumseh..... | Stratford..... | 6 | 1 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 41 |
| 26 | St. Mark's..... | Trenton..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 26 |
| 27 | Manitou..... | Collingwood.. | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1 | 27 |
| 28 | Pentalpha..... | Osbawa..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 32 |
| 29 | McCallum..... | Dunnville..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 52 |
| 30 | Huron..... | Goderich.. | 3 | ..... | ..... | 8 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 49 |
| 31 | Prince Edward..... | Pictou..... | 5 | ..... | ..... | 2 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 40 |

TABULAR STATEMENT EXTRACTED FROM THE RETURNS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST JANUARY, 1882.—Continued.

| NO. | NAME OF CHAPTER. | PLACE OF MEETING. | No. of A mis- sions. | No. of Join- ings | Restor- J | With- drawals | Suspen- sions. | Expell'd | Deaths. | No. of Members |
|-----|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|------------------|-------------------|----------|---------|-------------------|
| 32 | Waterloo..... | Galt..... | 2 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 3 | ..... | ..... | 25 |
| 34 | Signet..... | Barrie..... | 7 | ..... | ..... | 3 | 1 | ..... | ..... | 43 |
| 35 | Keystone..... | Whitby..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 35 |
| 36 | Corinthian..... | Peterboro'..... | 7 | ..... | ..... | 3 | 1 | ..... | ..... | 43 |
| 37 | Victoria..... | Port Hope..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 33 |
| 38 | Seymour..... | Bradford..... | 19 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1 | 33 |
| 39 | Botsford..... | Moncton, N. B..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 54 |
| 40 | Guelph..... | Guelph..... | 6 | 1 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 69 |
| 41 | Harris..... | Ingersoll..... | 2 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 33 |
| 44 | Mount Sinai..... | Nipawee..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 25 |
| 45 | Excelsior..... | Colborne..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 20 |
| 46 | St. James'..... | St. Mary's..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 25 |
| 47 | Wellington..... | Chatham..... | 3 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2 | ..... | ..... | 60 |
| 48 | St. John's..... | Cobourg..... | 2 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2 | 21 |
| 49 | Elora..... | Elora..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 32 |
| 50 | Saugeen..... | Walkerton..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 4 | 4 | 1 | ..... | 31 |
| 52 | Prince Rupert's..... | Winnipeg..... | 12 | 4 | ..... | 5 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 75 |
| 53 | Bruce..... | Petrolia..... | 2 | ..... | ..... | 1 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 48 |
| 54 | Palestine..... | St. Thomas..... | 9 | 3 | ..... | 1 | 9 | ..... | 2 | 94 |
| 55 | Niagara..... | Niagara..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 21 |
| 56 | Georgian..... | Owen Sound..... | 2 | ..... | ..... | 1 | 2 | ..... | 1 | 28 |
| 57 | King Hiram..... | Port Colborne..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 39 |
| 58 | Pembroke..... | Pembroke..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 24 |
| 59 | Sussex..... | Brockville..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 24 |
| 60 | Doric..... | Newmarket..... | 2 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 3 | ..... | ..... | 24 |

| | | | | | | | | | | | |
|----|-------------------|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----|
| 61 | Granite..... | Almonte..... | 4 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1 | 21 |
| 62 | York..... | Eglington..... | 1 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 2 | 31 |
| 63 | Havelock..... | Kincardine..... | 7 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 20 |
| 64 | Willson..... | Welland..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 31 |
| 65 | Ontario..... | Yorkville..... | 2 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1 | 34 |
| 66 | Seaforth..... | Clinton..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 21 |
| 67 | Enterprise..... | Harriston..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 33 |
| 68 | Maitland..... | Maitland..... | 1 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 23 |
| 69 | Grimsby..... | Grimsby..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 25 |
| 70 | Grand River..... | Berlin..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 20 |
| 71 | Prince of Wales.. | Amherstburg..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 31 |
| 73 | Erie..... | Port Stanley..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 20 |
| 74 | Beaver..... | Strathroy..... | 3 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 37 |
| 75 | St. Clair..... | Milton..... | 1 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 35 |
| 76 | Mount Nebo..... | Drummondville..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 23 |
| 77 | Occident..... | Toronto..... | 3 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 69 |
| 78 | Minnewawa..... | Park Hill..... | 1 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 24 |
| 79 | Orient..... | Toronto..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 57 |
| 80 | Ark..... | Windsor..... | 3 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 41 |
| 81 | Aylmer..... | Aylmer..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 20 |
| 82 | Shuniah..... | Pr. Arthur's Landing. | 1 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 31 |
| 83 | Ionic..... | Orangeville..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 24 |
| 84 | Lebanon..... | Wingham..... | 3 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 30 |
| 85 | Exeter..... | Exeter..... | 2 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 18 |
| 86 | Macpherson..... | Meaford..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 14 |
| 87 | Wentworth..... | Dundas..... | 4 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 30 |
| 88 | Macnabb..... | Dresden..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 12 |
| | | | 202 | 20 | 7 | 98 | 125 | 1 | 38 | 3435 | |

RECAPITULATION.

| | | | |
|--|------------|---|------|
| Number of Chapters on Roll..... | 77 | Number Withdrawals Reported..... | 98 |
| “ Represented in Grand Chapter..... | 53 | “ Suspensions “..... | 125 |
| “ Registrations Reported..... | 202 | “ Deaths “..... | 38 |
| “ Joinings..... | 20 | “ Expelled “..... | 1 |
| “ Restored..... | 7 | Total number members on Roll of Grand Chapter | 3435 |
| Total amount of Receipts, 1881-82..... | \$1,948 73 | | |

SUSPENSIONS.

NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

No. 3.

St. John's, London.

James Oliver.
D. McIntyre.

Geo. Willis.
R. Klosteman.

No. 4.

St. Andrew and St. John, Toronto.

James C. Small.
James Leslie.
Samuel Platt, jr.

G. A. Barnard.
J. B. Lash.
A. M. Morden.

No. 5.

St. George's, London.

Orlo Scealey.
John Campbell.

Jas. Laugheed.

No. 6.

St. John's, Hamilton.

T. H. Bartindale.
Edward Burns.
William Campbell.
C. Lister.
W. McFeddries.
William Ogg.
William Turnbull.
R. G. Sutherland.
R. Hall.

J. G. Y. Burkholder.
C. A. Birge.
C. J. Domville.
T. C. Livingstone.
A. S. Ogg.
J. Pritchard.
D. F. Smith.
A. S. Wink.

No. 8.

King Solomon's, Toronto.

Thomas Langton.
W. C. Morrison.
E. Graham.
J. E. Kennedy.
W. J. Howell.
W. Sillifant.
R. Taylor.
H. Kidd.
T. Lunn.
H. Sheard.
W. S. Young.

Geo. Watson.
W. Beatty.
J. G. Fitzsimmons.
S. McBride.
Jesse Minor.
Jas. Muir.
R. M. Fleming.
A. Smith.
J. Bryce.
S. E. Gibbs.
Alfred Gear.

No. 10.

New Brunswick, St. John, N. B.

Richard Davidson.
Henry G. Hunt.
C. A. Robertson.

James Domville.
F. L. Leevin.
W. J. Ross.

No. 19.

Mount Moriah, St. Catharines.

A. P. M. Colver.

S. Barnett.

W. E. Clarke.

John Murray.

W. J. Merritt.

No. 32.

Waterloo, Galt.

Joseph M. Riley.

Charles Clark.

Thomas Hood.

No. 36.

Corinthian, Peterboro'.

James C. Brown.

No. 47.

Wellington, Chatham.

Allen B. Clayton.

Stephen Duke.

No. 50.

Saugeen, Walkerton.

Thos. H. Noxon.

John Lamont.

Samuel Zingg.

T. W. Davey.

No. 54.

Palestine, St. Thomas.

Hiram Jones.

Geo. Gordon.

G. A. Taylor.

Frank McNeil.

J. G. McKay.

A. E. McKay.

Geo. Collis.

Wm. Fraser.

Geo. King.

No. 56.

Georgian, Owen Sound.

W. C. Sumner.

John McLean.

No. 60.

Doric, Newmarket.

C. W. Lee.

J. A. Botsford.

F. Bickford.

No. 62.

York, Eglington.

Frank W. Forbes.

John Weeks.

John McDonald.

J. B. Mullaney.

No. 63.

Havelock, Kincardine.

Wm. Kennedy.

Geo. T. Burgess.

Robt. L. Hunter.

No. 66.

Seaforth, Clinton.

J. B. Odell.

No. 75.

St. Clair, Milton.

A. S. Gillett.

B. Johnson.

| | | |
|------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|
| No. 77. | <i>Occident, Toronto.</i> | |
| J. H. Venables. | \| | R. Quinn. |
| No. 81. | <i>Aylmer, Aylmer.</i> | |
| G. T. Stansbury. | | J. M. Davis. |
| No. 86. | <i>Macpherson, Meaford.</i> | |
| Abraham Boice. | | William Clayton Jewell. |

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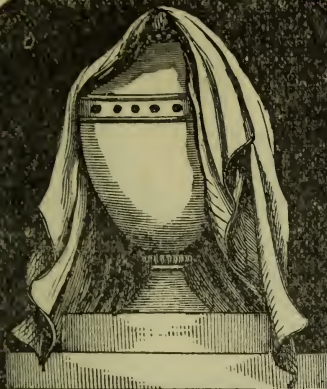
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| | | W. B. C. Barber. |
| No. 10. | <i>New Brunswick, St. John, N. B.</i> | |
| | | Andrew J. Stewart. |
| No. 50. | <i>Saugeen, Walkerton.</i> | |
| | | Thomas Pinkerton. |

RESTORATIONS.

| | | |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|----------------|
| No. 3. | <i>St. John's, London.</i> | |
| John Sanders. | \| | W. H. Niles. |
| No. 8. | <i>King Solomon's, Toronto.</i> | |
| Frederick Clarke. | \| | Samuel Wilson. |
| No. 16. | <i>Carleton, Ottawa.</i> | |
| J. P. Featherstone. | \| | Carrol Ryan. |
| C. S. Shaw. | \| |  |

AT REST.

| NAME. | NAME AND NUMBER OF CHAPTER. | DATE. |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Edward H. Parker.. | 1, Ancient Frontenac | No date. |
| Samuel T. Drennan.. | 1, " " | Feb. 9, 1882. |
| Adam Leithead.... | 2, The Hiram..... | 1881. |
| James Widger..... | 2, " "..... | Nov. 24, 1881. |
| Thos. Kerscadden... | 3, St. John's..... | April 13, 1881. |
| A. Goldsmith..... | 3, "..... | March 22, 1881. |
| Hugh P. Savigny.... | 4, St. And. & St. John | 1881. |
| Edwin Harris..... | 4, " "..... | Dec. 26, 1881. |
| William Mitchell.... | 6, St. John's..... | No date. |
| J. A. McInnes..... | 7, Moira..... | Sept. 2, 1881. |
| W. A. Foster..... | 7, "..... | Sept. 30, 1881. |
| Robt. Newberry..... | 7, "..... | Dec. 8, 1881. |
| John Wannacott.... | 7, "..... | Jan. 30, 1882. |
| John Orr..... | 16, Carleton..... | June 17, 1881. |
| William C. McGagy.. | 16, "..... | August, 1881. |
| Robert G. Chambers.. | 18, Oxford..... | August 6, 1881. |
| W. J. Berston..... | 19, Mount Moriah.... | Feb. 4, 1881. |
| T. Mack..... | 19, " "..... | Oct. 25, 1881. |
| C. Forest..... | 22, Grenville..... | 1881. |
| Henry Parker..... | 22, "..... | No date. |
| W. D. Adams..... | 22, "..... | No date. |
| W. Ormiston..... | 22, "..... | April 6, 1874. |
| W. H. Brouse..... | 22, "..... | Aug. 23, 1881. |
| Hugh McKay..... | 27, Manitou..... | May 26, 1881. |
| Robert Alger..... | 38, Seymour..... | June 30, 1881. |
| J. Butler..... | 48, St. John's..... | Feb., 1881. |
| H. A. Grannis..... | 54, Palestine..... | Oct., 1881. |
| Frank Morrison..... | 54, "..... | Nov., 1881. |
| John F. Lambert.... | 55, Niagara..... | Feb. 20, 1881. |
| Thos. Donovan..... | 56, Georgian..... | Aug. 11, 1881. |
| John Hart..... | 61, Granite..... | Oct. 23, 1881. |
| John Brownridge.... | 62, York..... | Feb. 25, 1881. |
| J. N. Garrod..... | 62, "..... | April, 1881. |
| Richard H. Oaks.... | 65, Ontario..... | March 1, 1881. |



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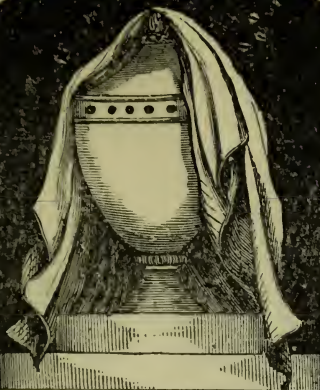
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THOS. DOUGLAS HARINGTON,

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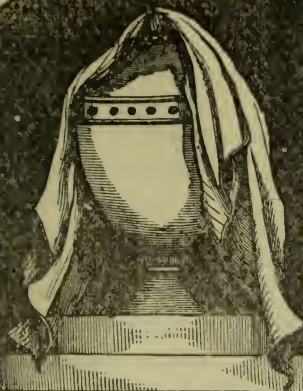
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Past Grand Superintendent Hamilton
District.

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Wilson District.

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| Georgia, | " " " | W. H. Tuller, | Atlanta. |
| Illinois, | R. " " | Jas. H. Miles, | Chicago. |
| Indiana, | " " " | E. L. McLallen, | Columbia City. |
| Iowa, | R. " " | Jas. W. Wilson, | Newton. |
| Ireland, | " " " | J. H. Neilson, | Dublin. |
| Kansas, | " " " | Francis Menet, | Lawrence. |
| Kentucky, | M. " " | H. R. French, | Mt. Sterling. |
| Louisiana, | R. " " | Andrew Hero, Jr., | Delta. |
| Maine, | M. " " | Andrew J. Fuller, | Bath. |
| Maryland, | " " " | J. M. Carter, | Baltimore. |
| Massachusetts, | R. " " | Edwin Wright, | Boston. |
| Minnesota, | R. " " | Orville G. Miller, | St. Paul. |
| Mississippi, | M. " " | A. H. Barkley, | Crawfordsville |
| Missouri, | R. " " | M. A. Fyke, | Clinton. |
| Nebraska, | " " " | H. P. Duel, | Omaha. |
| New Hampshire, | " " " | A. Baker, | Lebanon. |
| New Jersey, | M. " " | W. H. McMillhane, | New York. |
| Nevada, | R. " " | S. W. Chubbuck, | Gold Hill. |
| New York, | " " " | John S. Bowen, | New York. |
| North Carolina, | " " " | Chas. C. Clarke, | New Berne. |
| Nova Scotia, | " " " | L. F. Darling, | Halifax. |
| Ohio, | R. " " | C. A. Woodward, | Cleveland. |
| Oregon, | " " " | Donald Mackay, | Portland. |
| Pennsylvania, | R. " " | Thos. R. Patton, | Philadelphia. |
| Quebec, | " " " | Thos. Milton, | Mortreal. |
| Rhode Island, | " " " | W. R. Greene, | Providence. |
| South Carolina, | " " " | J. M. Bratten, M.D., | Charleston. |
| Tennessee, | " " " | Elibu Edmundson, | Pulaski. |
| Texas, | " " " | Henry Scherffius, | Houston. |
| Virginia, | M. " " | Geo. W. Dame, | Danville. |
| Vermont, | R. " " | Wm. Brinsmaid, | Burlington. |
| West Virginia, | " " " | Frank Johnson, | Wheeling. |
| Wisconsin, | M. " " | R. D. Pulford, | Mineral Point. |
| Scotland, | R. " " | The Rt. Hon. the Earl of Kintore. | Carlton Club, London, Eng. |
| Gr. Mark Lodge of Eng. and Wales, M. | " " " | Frederick Binckes, | London, Eng. |

GRAND CHAPTERS AND ADDRESSES OF GRAND OFFICERS.

| GRAND CHAPTERS. | GRAND HIGH PRIESTS. | GRAND SECRETARIES. | CHAIRMAN COM. CORRESPONDENCE. |
|------------------------|---|--|----------------------------------|
| Alabama. | James Harvey Joiner, Talladega. | Daniel Sayre, Montgomery. | P. J. Pillans, Mobile. |
| Arkansas. | C. H. Stone, Camden. | James A. Henry, Little Rock. | James A. Henry, Little Rock. |
| California. | Wm. M. Petrie, Sacramento. | T. H. Caswell, San Francisco. | T. H. Caswell, San Francisco. |
| Canada. | Donald Ross, Picton. | David McLellan Hamilton. | Henry Robertson, Collingwood. |
| Colorado. | R. W. Woodbury, Denver. | Ed. C. Parmalee, Georgetown. | Ed. H. Collins, Denver. |
| Connecticut. | Jas. H. Welsh, Danbury. | Joseph K. Wheeler, Hartford. | John H. Barlow, Birmingham. |
| Delaware. | Thomas Davidson, Wilmington. | Henry B. McIntyre, Wilmington. | Wm. G. W. Lewis, Middletown. |
| Dist. of Columbia | James E. Pearson, Washington. | L. G. Stephens, Washington. | N. D. Larner, Washington. |
| Florida. | W. A. McLean, Jacksonville. | DeWitt C. Dawkins, Jacksonville. | DeWitt C. Dawkins, Jacksonville. |
| Georgia. | C. E. Lambden, Barnesville. | J. E. Backshear, Macon. | Samuel Lawrence, Atlanta. |
| Illinois. | J. P. Nowell, Danville. | Gilbert W. Barnard, Chicago. | T. T. Gurney, Chicago. |
| Indiana. | Chas. H. Butterfield, Evansville. | John M. Bramwell, Indianapolis. | Thomas B. Long, Terre Haut. |
| Iowa. | A. C. Sherwood, Marshalltown. | W. B. Langridge, Muscatine. | H. S. Winslow. |
| Ireland. | Hon. Judge Townshend. | S. B. Oldham, Dublin. | John H. Brown, Wyandotte. |
| Kansas. | Geo. C. Kenyon, Abilene. | John H. Brown, Wyandotte. | H. Bassett, Millersburg. |
| Kentucky. | R. J. Laughlin, Nebo. | Joseph H. Branham, Louisville. | J. P. Horner, New Orleans. |
| Louisiana. | Andrew Hero, jr., New Orleans. | J. C. Batchelor, New Orleans. | John H. Drummond, Portland. |
| Maine. | Joseph A. Locke, Portland. | Ira Berry, Portland. | E. T. Shultz, Baltimore. |
| Maryland. | Wm. F. Cochran, Baltimore. | Geo. L. McCahan, Baltimore. | John W. Dadmun, Boston |
| Massachusetts. | Albert C. Smith, Boston. | Z. H. Thomas, Cambridgeport. | W. P. Innes, Grand Rapids. |
| Michigan. | Charles H. Axtell, Ionia. | W. P. Innes, Grand Rapids. | A. T. C. Pierson, St Paul. |
| Minnesota. | O. G. Miller, St. Paul. | A. T. C. Pierson, St. Paul. | Wm. G. Paxton, Vicksburg. |
| Mississippi. | Wm Richards, Satartia. | J. L. Power, Jackson. | Wm. H. Mayo, St. Louis. |
| Missouri. | Samuel H. Owens, California. | Wm. H. Mayo, St. Louis. | E. F. Warren, Nebraska City. |
| Nebraska. | Samuel P. Davidson, Tecumseh. | Wm. R. Bowen, Omaha. | |

GRAND CHAPTERS AND ADDRESSES OF GRAND OFFICERS.—Continued

| GRAND CHAPTERS. | GRAND HIGH PRIESTS. | GRAND SECRETARIES. | CHAIRMAN COM. CORRESPONDENCE. |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| New Hampshire. | Albert S. Wait, Newport..... | Geo. P. Cleaves, Concord..... | J. J. Bell, Exeter. |
| New Jersey.. | I. L. Register, Camden..... | Geo. B. Edwards, Jersey City .. | Geo. B. Edwards, Jersey City. |
| Nevada..... | Wm. Simson, Hamilton..... | John D. Hammond, Carson..... | John D. Hammond, Carson. |
| New York..... | Jas. D. Pollard, Seneca Falls..... | Christopher G. Fox, Buffalo..... | D. A. Ogden. |
| North Carolina. | James Southgate, Durham..... | D. W. Bain, Raleigh..... | |
| Nova Scotia.. | James Gossip, Halifax..... | Geo. T. Smithers, Halifax..... | Geo. T. Smithers, Halifax. |
| Ohio..... | Daniel A. Scott, Arkon..... | James Nesbitt, Troy..... | J. Kelly O'Neill, Lebanon. |
| Oregon..... | David P. Mason, Albany..... | R. P. Earhart, Salem..... | R. P. Earhart, Salem. |
| Pennsylvania.. | H. P. John, Philadelphia..... | Chas. E. Meyer, Philadelphia..... | Andrew Zane, jr. |
| Quebec..... | Frank Edgar, Montreal..... | Angus Grant, Montreal..... | J. H. Graham, LL.D., Richmond. |
| Rhode Island.. | Samuel G. Stinness, Pawtucket.. | Wm. R. Greene, Providence .. | G. H. Burnham. |
| South Carolina. | J. A. Smyth, Charleston..... | J. E. Burke, Charleston..... | J. E. Burke, Charleston. |
| Tennessee..... | Wm. E. Eastman, Nashville..... | John Frizzle, Nashville..... | H. H. Ingersoll. |
| Texas..... | P. Nowlin, Waxahachie..... | Robert Brewster, Houston..... | R. M. Elgin, Houston. |
| Virginia..... | H. W. Murray, Louisa..... | W. B. Isaacs, Richmond..... | W. B. Isaacs, Richmond. |
| Vermont..... | H. M. Phelps, Burlington .. | W. H. S. Whitcomb, Burlington.. | E. S. Dana, New Haven. |
| West Virginia .. | Wm. H. Freeman, Clarksburg .. | O. S. Long, Wheeling..... | Wm. H. H. Flick. |
| Wisconsin..... | John M. Evans, M.D., Evansville | John W. Woodhull, Milwaukee... | J. P. C. Cottrill, Milwaukee. |
| Gen. Grand Chap. | | Christopher G. Fox, Buffalo..... | |
| England .. | H. R. H. Prince of Wales..... | Col. Shadwell H. Clerke..... | |
| Scotland..... | Sir Michael R. Shaw Stewart .. | Wm. Edwards, Edinburgh..... | |
| G. Mark Lodge of Eng. & Wales... | Lord Henniker..... | Fred. Binckes, London, Eng.... | |

LIST OF CHAPTERS—BY DISTRICTS.

NO. 1—LONDON DISTRICT.

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| Grand District Superintendent—R. E. Comp. R. Mackay, St. Thomas. | | |
| No. 3, St. John's, London..... | Middlesex | County. |
| " 5, St. George's, London..... | " | " |
| " 15, Wawanosh, Sarnia..... | Lambton | " |
| " 47, Wellington, Chatham..... | Kent | " |
| " 53, Bruce, Petrolia..... | Lambton | " |
| " 54, Palestine, St. Thomas.. | Elgin | " |
| " 71, Prince of Wales, Amherstburg..... | Essex | " |
| " 73, Erie, Port Stanley..... | Elgin | " |
| " 74, Beaver, Strathroy..... | Middlesex | " |
| " 78, Minnewawa, Park Hill.. | " | " |
| " 80, Ark, Windsor..... | Essex | " |
| " 81, Aylmer, Aylmer..... | Elgin | " |
| " 88, Macnabb, Dresden..... | Kent | " |

NO. 2—WILSON DISTRICT.

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| Grand District Superintendent—R. E. Comp. C. H. Slawson, Ingersoll. | | |
| No. 18, Oxford, Woodstock..... | Oxford | County. |
| " 20, Mount Horeb, Brantford.... | Brant | " |
| " 23, Ezra, Simcoe..... | Norfolk | " |
| " 41, Harris, Ingersoll..... | Oxford | " |

NO. 3—WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

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| Grand District Superintendent—R. E. Comp. James Lockie, Berlin. | | |
| No. 32, Waterloo, Galt..... | Waterloo | County. |
| " 40, Guelph, Guelph..... | Wellington | " |
| " 49, Elora, Elora..... | " | " |
| " 50, Saugeen, Walkerton..... | Bruce | " |
| " 67, Enterprise, Harriston..... | Wellington | " |
| " 70, Grand River, Berlin.. | Waterloo | " |
| " 83, Ionic, Orangeville..... | Wellington | " |

NO. 4—HAMILTON DISTRICT.

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| Grand District Supt.—R. E. Comp. William Gibson, Beamsville. | | |
| No. 2, The Hiram, Hamilton..... | Wentworth | County |
| " 6, St. John's, Hamilton..... | " | " |
| " 75, St. Clair, Milton..... | Halton | " |
| " 87, Wentworth, Dundas.. | Wentworth | " |

NO. 5—HURON DISTRICT.

Grand District Supt.—R. E. Comp. George J. Waugh, Stratford.

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| No. 24, Tecumseh, Stratford..... | Perth | County. |
| “ 30, Huron, Goderich..... | Huron | “ |
| “ 46, St. James', St. Mary's..... | Perth | “ |
| “ 63, Havelock, Kincardine .. | Bruce | “ |
| “ 66, Seaforth, Clinton..... | Huron | “ |
| “ 82, Shuniah, Prince Arthur's Landing..... | Algoma | District. |
| “ 84, Lebanon, Wingham..... | “ | “ |
| “ 85, Exeter, Exeter..... | Huron | “ |

NO. 6—NIAGARA DISTRICT.

Grand District Supt.—R. E. Comp. C. E. S. Black, Dunnville.

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| No. 19, Mount Moriah, St. Catharines..... | Lincoln | County. |
| “ 29, McCallum, Dunnville..... | Monck | “ |
| “ 55, Niagara, Niagara..... | Niagara | “ |
| “ 57, King Hiram, Port Colborne..... | Welland | “ |
| “ 64, Willson, Welland..... | “ | “ |
| “ 69, Grimsby, Grimsby..... | Lincoln | “ |
| “ 76, Mount Nebo, Drummondville..... | Welland | “ |

NO. 7—TORONTO DISTRICT.

Grand District Superintendent—R. E. Comp. C. W. Brown, Toronto.

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| No. 4, St. Andrew and St. John, Toronto..... | York | County. |
| “ 8, King Solomon's, Toronto..... | “ | “ |
| “ 27, Manitou, Collingwood..... | Simcoe | “ |
| “ 34, Signet, Barrie..... | “ | “ |
| “ 38, Seymour, Bradford..... | “ | “ |
| “ 56, Georgian, Owen Sound..... | Grey | “ |
| “ 60, Doric, Newmarket..... | York | “ |
| “ 62, York, Eglington..... | “ | “ |
| “ 65, Ontario, Yorkville..... | “ | “ |
| “ 77, Occident, Toronto.. | “ | “ |
| “ 79, Orient, Toronto..... | “ | “ |
| “ 86, Macpherson, Meaford..... | Grey | “ |

NO. 8—ONTARIO DISTRICT.

Grand District Superintendent—R.E. Comp. Chas. Doeblor, Port Hope.

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| No. 28, Pentalpha, Oshawa..... | Ontario | County. |
| “ 35, Keystone, Whitby..... | “ | “ |
| “ 36, Corinthian, Peterboro'.... | Peterboro' | “ |
| “ 37, Victoria, Port Hope.. | Durham | “ |
| “ 45, Excelsior, Colborne..... | Northumb'd | “ |
| “ 48, St. John's, Cobourg..... | “ | “ |

NO. 9—PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT.

Grand District Superintendent—R. E. Comp. J. H. Murney, Picton
 No. 7, Moira, Belleville.....Hastings County.
 “ 26, St. Mark's, Trenton.. ..Trenton “
 “ 31, Prince Edward, Picton.....Pr. Edward “
 “ 44, Mount Sinai, Napanee.....Lennox “

NO. 10—CENTRAL DISTRICT.

Grand District Supt.—R. E. Comp. George M. Wilkinson, Kingston.
 No. 1, Ancient Frontenac, Kingston....Frontenac County.
 “ 12, Cataraqui, Kingston..... “ “
 “ 16, Carleton, Ottawa.....Carleton “
 “ 22, Grenville, Prescott.....Grenville “
 “ 58, Pembroke, Pembroke.....Renfrew “
 “ 59, Sussex, Brockville.....Leeds “
 “ 61, Granite, Almonte.....Lanark “
 “ 68, Maitland, Maitland....Grenville “

NO. 11—NEW BRUNSWICK DISTRICT.

Grand District Superintendent—R. E. Comp. Henry Duffell, St. John.
 No. 10, New Brunswick, St. John.....St. John, N.B.
 “ 11, St. Mark's, St. Andrew's....St. Andrew's, N.B.
 “ 39, Botsford, Moncton.....Westmoreland, “

NO. 12—MANITOBA DISTRICT.

Grand District Superintendent—R. E. Comp. W. G. Scott, Winnipeg.
 No. 52, Prince Rupert, Winnipeg.....Manitoba.

1882.

GRAND CHAPTER R. A. M. OF CANADA.

REPORT

—ON—

CORRESPONDENCE,

HENRY ROBERTSON, CHAIRMAN.

*To the Most Excellent Grand Z., and the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch
Masons of Canada.*

The Committee on Correspondence herewith present their annual report. They have received and examined the Proceedings of thirty-eight Grand Chapters, which will be reviewed in the usual alphabetical order. The list is as follows:—

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| Alabama | 1881 | Minnesota | 1881 |
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| California | 1882 | Missouri | 1881-2 |
| Colorado | 1881 | Nebraska. | 1881 |
| Connecticut | 1882 | Nevada | 1881-2 |
| Delaware..... | 1882 | New Hampshire | 1881 |
| District of Columbia..... | 1881 | New Jersey | 1881 |
| Georgia | 1881-82 | New York | 1882 |
| Illinois..... | 1881 | North Carolina..... | 1881 |
| Indiana | 1881 | Nova Scotia | 1881 |
| Ireland | 1881 | Ohio..... | 1881 |
| Iowa..... | 1881 | Pennsylvania | 1881 |
| Kansas..... | 1880-1-2 | Quebec | 1881 |
| Kentucky | 1881 | Rhode Island..... | 1880-1 |
| Louisiana | 1882 | Tennessee | 1882 |
| Maine | 1881 | Texas..... | 1881 |
| Maryland | 1881 | Vermont | 1882 |
| Massachussetts | 1881 | Virginia | 1881 |
| Michigan | 1882 | Wisconsin | 1882 |

ALABAMA.

The Fifty-Fifth Annual Convocation was held at Montgomery, December 6th, 1881.

In consequence of the death of the Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. James Hervey Joiner, which occurred on the 6th September, 1881, the Grand Chapter was presided over by the Deputy Grand High Priest, R. E. Comp. L. W. Jenkins.

In his address, Comp. Jenkins recommends that the Committee on Work should have ample time to exemplify all the work and lectures, so that the Representatives might become better qualified to make the working within their several Chapters more attractive to the members.

He reports that the interests of Royal Arch Masonry have, in the main, prospered in this jurisdiction.

The following resolution was adopted :—

“RESOLVED, That the recommendation of the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence of the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter in 1868, as published in the “Grand Chapter Code,” page 53, which requires candidates for advancement to be examined “as to their proficiency in each degree,” be, and the same is hereby, repealed.”

The work was exemplified in the Mark and Royal Arch.

The report on Correspondence is by Comp. Palmer J. Pillans, who, after many years service in this connection, wished to retire for the future, but the Grand Chapter decided otherwise. Our proceedings do not appear.

M. E. Comp. L. W. Jenkins, (Camden,) G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. Daniel Sayre, (Montgomery,) Grand Secretary.

ARKANSAS.

The Thirty-Second Annual Convocation was held at Little Rock, November 19th, 1881.

M. E. Comp. George Thornburgh, G. H. P.

The address opens as follows :—

“It is profitable always to observe the old admonition, ‘put not off until to-morrow that which should be done to-day;’ but, in the pre-

paration of this report, I did not obey the injunction, and found myself two days without a word written for the Grand Chapter. It is not my habit to postpone a duty, but about the time I had fixed upon for the preparation of this paper, there was quite a commotion at our house, caused by the arrival of one who, it was said, bore a close relationship to me, though I had never seen the stranger before. I supposed that when the introduction was concluded, and the excitement consequent thereon was over, I would have a quiet week in which to prepare for this Convocation, but, alas, how short the memory of a married man. I had forgotten in five short years the engaging incidents of early infancy. Between the visits of congratulating friends and the frequent administration of well-known family medicines in the day-time, and a remarkably regular habit, on the part of my visitor, of taking lengthy nocturnal walks, in which the father's company was uniformly required and his musical powers extensively exercised, my time was fully if not pleasantly occupied, until the time of my departure for Little Rock. But, as I had but little to report, it did not require much time to prepare it, and for the want of more time on my part, the Grand Chapter probably escapes the infliction of a feeble effort at oratory. So, perhaps, you will be thankful that circumstances have forced one Grand Officer to make a strictly business report."

This paragraph was very appropriately referred to the Committee on Infant Baptism.

We also make the following extracts from this excellent address:—

"I have granted no dispensations for new chapters.

"Whether this is an evidence of a lack of prosperity or not, I am not prepared to say.

"I have not been called upon to make a single decision worthy of report.

"Whether this is an indication of extreme harmony, or of a want of vitality, I can not say.

"In fact, I am not sufficiently informed to give you reliable information as to the condition of Capitular Masonry in Arkansas.

"The Grand Lecturer—ever faithful—reports that he has visited all the chapters that requested him to, and that, to use his words, 'Capitular Masonry is doing tolerably well, but not as flourishing as we would wish. I suppose owing to the hardness of the times and scarcity of money, there are few exaltations, etc.'

"I would be glad to know that the Grand Lecturer is correct in his supposition as to the cause of the want of prosperity in our chapters. My fear is that there are other and more serious causes. It may be that the Masons of Arkansas are coming to the conclusion that there are too many Masonic degrees, and too many Masonic bodies—Subordinate and Grand—for a system of morals midway between the church and compulsory beneficence."

"Companions, while death has removed from us some noble Companions, yet we have cause for the exercise of gratitude that so many are here. This Grand Chapter was organized just thirty years ago. Since then, war, pestilence and disease have swept over our land. The

young and the middle-aged have fallen in battle, and the aged have been gathered to their fathers; yet God, in his providence, has spared to us the first Grand High Priest, the first Grand Treasurer and the first Grand Secretary the Grand Chapter ever had—the Grand Secretary occupying the same position now, and Comp. Dodge but recently retired from the position he filled when the Grand Chapter was brought forth.

“Three decades have rolled by us with all the panoramic changes of peace and war—of prosperity and adversity; yet the pilots who so successfully steered the royal craft, at the beginning of those decades, are with us to day ready and willing to take hold of the wheel in any emergency—English, Barber, Dannelly, the fountains of the law, the humor and the ritual of Arkansas Masonry.

“There are other wise and good craftsmen spared to us whom we delight to honor and who would be an honor and an ornament to any organization. No Grand Chapter has been more blessed than ours, and none are more grateful than we. We have already, through the Grand Chaplain, given thanks to God for his mercies, and doubtless we all feel that, notwithstanding the drouth and depression of business, we have cause for individual and universal thanksgiving.”

The Special Committee on the Cryptic Degrees made a report, which, with the following resolution, was adopted:—

“RESOLVED, That the Grand Chapter consents to repeal the Act of Consolidation adopted by it and the Grand Council in January, 1879, and that when the Grand Council shall reorganize under its Constitution, and assent to this resolution, it shall then take effect, and that the Grand Secretary restore to the custody of the Grand Recorder all books, papers, records, documents and assets in his hands belonging to the Grand Council or its subordinates.”

The report of the Committee on Finance shows that there were no funds on hand to pay the usual mileage and per diem allowances to the Representatives. This state of affairs, although probably disappointing to the individuals, is not altogether an unmixed evil. Its continuance would prove the faith of those who attend in the future, and the abolition of these allowances would be a step in the right direction.

Among the Grand Representatives who presented their credentials, we notice the name of Comp. George L. Kimball, for the Grand Chapter of Canada.

M. E. Comp. Caleb H. Stone, (Camden,) G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. James A. Henry, (Little Rock,) Grand Secretary.

CALIFORNIA.

The Twenty-eighth Annual Convocation was held at San Francisco, April 11th, 1882.

M. E. Comp. Henry S. Orme, G. H. P.

From his very able address, we copy the following excellent remarks:—

“The condition of Capitular Masonry throughout the State, I am pleased to say, is more vigorous and healthy than at any time since the organization of this Grand Chapter. No symptoms of syncope or deep coma exist. In our extensive jurisdiction, numbering fifty-seven chapters, with an aggregate membership of over three thousand, all, with a very few exceptions, are steadily increasing in numbers and improving in the character of ‘the work.’ Although I can report to you that ‘the work’ in our subordinate chapters is well done, and compares favorably with that of the older States, it is not enough; we must all earnestly strive to place California in the front rank Masonically, as she is in wealth and intelligence. In our efforts to build up Capitular Masonry, we must remember that strength does not always consist in numbers. If we guard carefully ‘the entrance to our rails,’ and allow none but good, true, and tried men to gain admittance, we shall have chapters upon which we can look with just pride and satisfaction. When in very fact, and no longer in word, none but first-class material is taken to build up the higher bodies, then, and not until then, shall we find that only the best in our lodges will endeavor to gain admission into our chapters. Too often do we find many in our chapters using improper influences to increase their membership, and who fail to pay a due regard to the qualifications of the candidate, or to make proper inquiry into his adaptability for the work of Royal Arch Masonry. This is all wrong, and directly contrary to the spirit of both Symbolic and Capitular Masonry. We all know that in the different bodies of Masonry, men have obtained admission through this want of care and attention who are by habit, character, and association, unfitted for the work of Masonry. And as we know this should not be, so also do we know that it could not be if we, as Royal Arch Masons, did our whole duty. Let then each subordinate chapter recognize the high trust committed to it, and let every companion know and feel it his sacred duty to see that no injustice is done the Craft at large by the admission to its roll of membership of those who have not in reality learned to subdue their passions, and to live in strict accordance with the laws of God and man.

‘Is it the just and right ?

Is it the good and true ?

Aid it and bless it with all your might,

Whether it is old or new.

Give it heart and hand,

Uphold it the best you can.’

“Throughout the length and breadth of our land, I fear that both Symbolic and Capitular Masonry are threatened by Grave dangers. They are too popular. The modern spirit of ‘Progress’ is knocking

at our doors demanding admission to our *Ancient Order*. In many different shapes it presents itself; and one of the many to which I would call your attention, is that which is trying to make *our Order* an insurance society. It is from this source we have most to fear. Many, fearful that our beloved institution will be crowded back—injured as it were—by the multitude of benevolent organizations springing up around us, propose that we introduce ‘*something new*,’ what, they do not exactly know, but something on the co-operative insurance plan. To such I would say that Masonry needs no extraneous aid. It has stood the test of ages, and will stand; and we as Masons must stand by it and with it, true to its high and holy teachings and principles, and exemplify in our lives its pure and ennobling influences. No, my companions, we have nothing to fear,—but we must be true and steadfast, remembering the old but true motto—‘*Quam fluctus diversi, quam mare conjuncti*.’

“Instead of seeking to make Masonry more popular, we ought to guard more jealously than ever the portals of our Temple; being careful in the selection of those whom we invest with its secrets, and in the character and fitness of the officers chosen to preside over its destinies.

“All benevolent societies are doing a noble work, and are well worthy the support of good men. But we must remember that during the past five years, as shown by statistics, over two hundred of these organizations have failed in the United States. Let us, then, as a part of the Masonic Brotherhood, be careful. For those who choose to become members of other societies, we have only the best of wishes. Masonry has a different work to perform. Our duty is to adhere to the ancient usages and traditions of the Craft, to comfort the distressed, feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and protect the destitute widow and orphan. In fine, to perform the duties assumed by us before we were permitted to engage in the grand work of bringing to light the mysteries hidden beneath the ‘Mystic Vault.’”

The Grand Lecturer is also the Grand Secretary, and is, therefore, unable for want of time to travel over the State as heretofore. Comp. Orme recommends the adoption of a plan somewhat similar to that of our Grand Superintendents, that of dividing the State into districts, and assigning one of the grand officers to each district to visit the chapters and inspect their work and records.

The net increase in membership was 185, and the total membership is now 3,117.

The late High Priest, of Lakeport Chapter, Comp. Frank D. Tunis, was expelled for contempt and sundry other offences against the law of Masonry.

The report on correspondence was written by Comp. Thos. H. Caswell, who gives a good notice to our Proceedings of

1881. He quotes a resolution passed at that meeting regarding a scheme of benevolence in connection with the funds of the Grand Chapter, and thinks that "this looks ominous of evil." We suppose that Comp. Caswell imagined that we were contemplating the establishment of a mutual insurance society, but we had no such intention. We do not believe in mixing up Masonry with the insurance business, but there can be no objection to our having some system of disbursing our Grand Chapter funds, when necessary for the relief of distressed companions.

We are glad to find that California is not one whit behind our own jurisdiction in the quality of mercy to our poor companions who are unable to pay their dues. Comp. Caswell says :—

"We unhesitatingly assert that, so far as California is concerned, no Mason who is really unable to pay his dues, will ever be suspended for their non-payment. No brother is ever suspended without due notice of his indebtedness, and ample time is given him to pay, or make some reasonable excuse for not paying, before action is taken. When a brother is notified that he is six months in arrears for dues to his lodge or chapter, it is his duty to attend at the next stated meeting and either pay the amount, ask further time, or a remission, and if he fails to do this, he shows a contempt for the law and a reckless disregard of his obligations, and should be punished therefor. The law leniently allows him to avoid the penalty of its infraction at his own volition, and punishes no poor and deserving brother on account of his poverty."

It appears from the following paragraph that they have found the true use and employment of the Grand Representatives. Long may they continue to represent, and may the Grand Representative of Canada be always found at his post of duty, especially when we arrive there.

"They are useful in filling up any hiatus in the proceedings of the Grand Chapter, by airing their eloquence in congratulatory speeches upon the fraternal relations existing between the Grand Chapter which they have the honor to represent and that to which they belong; also to help fill-up the report of the Committee on Credentials, and to introduce distinguished visitors from the jurisdictions represented by them. They are also very useful at banquets, in responding to sentiments given in honor of their respective jurisdictions, and in many other ways they may be made useful. In California we use them to illustrate the virtue of hospitality. When a companion visits us from another jurisdiction the Representative of that Grand Chapter

calls on him at once and introduces him to our public institutions, especially those presided over by the celebrated firm of *Push & Pull*, where the products of our vineyards are inspected and sampled. After a few inspections a carriage is called and the visitor is conveyed to his hotel. If he gets out alive he is fully convinced of the efficacy of the representative system as an *elevator*, and that, *under the influence* of our public institutions, the fraternal tie may be *drawn stronger and tighter.*"

M. E. Comp. William M. Petrie (Sacramento), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. Thomas H. Caswell (San Francisco), Grand Secretary.

COLORADO.

The Seventh Annual Convocation was held at Denver, Sept. 22, 1881.

M. E. Comp. John S. Titcomb, G. H. P.

He issued one dispensation for a new chapter, and reports the Royal Craft in a flourishing and satisfactory condition throughout the State.

He also reports the following peculiar case:—

"I will now call the attention of the Grand Chapter to a case to which there has actually, so far as I know, been no parallel. On February 25, A.D. 1881, A.I. 2411, I received a letter from Comp. P. J. Coston, M. E. H. P. of Leadville Chapter No. 10, stating that Comp. De Matos, Scribe of that Chapter, had already removed his residence permanently from the city, and that Comp. Fox, the King, and himself, the H. P., expected to do so within a few weeks from the date of his letter. Further, that Comp. De Lay, the only other P. H. P. in the chapter, was also about to leave permanently. He therefore requested that I should issue a dispensation to some one to open their chapter, when the members of their Grand Council should have removed thence. To this I answered that he was stating a case that might occur; that I could not take action on any supposed state of affairs, and recommended that when such emergency did actually arise the chapter should send me a petition setting forth the facts, when I would take such action in the premises as I could. On March 14th, I received such a petition, setting forth in substance that all the members of the Grand Council had left the city to remain, and praying that I should issue a dispensation to some Companion to act as High Priest. In the meantime, I consulted such authorities as were within my reach, and R.E. Comp. Woodbary, D.G H.P. kindly did the same for me at the Grand Lodge Library. And being of the opinion that the authority that could constitute a new body in Masonry might use the same authority to sustain that body in emergent cases, and that too, if I, as Grand High Priest, might appoint any Companion as my deputy, to open any certain chapter at any certain single stated time, I might give him power to do it more than once, and in view of the peculiar situation in which the Leadville Chapter was placed, I did, on the

18th day of March, A.D. 1881, A.I. 2411, issue a commission to Comp. James S. Creamer, as my special deputy to open said Leadville Chapter at its regular or other convocations, during the continued absence of all the members of the Grand Council of that chapter, and to do and perform such other duties in connection therewith as I might do myself if there present. Said commission to remain in force only until the meeting of the Grand Chapter. I understand, however, that Comp. Costen, H. P. of Leadville Chapter, has returned to that city and assumed his place in the chapter again. The papers in this case are submitted herewith, and I trust the Grand Chapter will give it a full consideration, being of much interest and importance to the Craft at large."

Comp. R. W. Woodbury, the chairman of the Committee on Arrangements for the Triennial Meeting of the General Grand Chapter at Denver in 1883, reported progress as follows:—

"Your committee, to whom was referred the matter of making arrangements for the triennial meeting of the General Grand Chapter two years hence, would report that they expect to obtain reduced rates from all the leading hotels; to arrange for a carriage ride around the city of Denver; to give the representatives and officers of General Grand Chapter a banquet and a free excursion to some point in the mountains to be selected by this Grand Chapter. All the expenses of which shall be raised by subscription."

Appropriate resolutions were reported and unanimously adopted by a rising vote, on the death of the late President Garfield.

Comp. Charles T. Barton, High Priest of Colorado Springs Chapter, No. 6, gave an interesting account of Comp. Garfield's early Masonic career. Comp. Barton was Worshipful Master of Garrettsville Lodge, No. 246, at Garrettsville, Ohio, and conferred the first, second and third degrees of Masonry upon Comp. Garfield about the year 1861. His illustrious candidate received a portion of the chapter degrees in the same county, and subsequently informed Comp. Barton that he received the remaining chapter degrees, as well as the orders of knighthood, in Washington. Comp. Barton also exhibited a card containing the list of officers of Garrettsville Lodge, in which his own name appeared as Master and that of James A. Garfield as Chaplain.

The Committee on Jurisprudence approved of the action of the G. H. P. as to Leadville Chapter.

It was resolved that all Companions holding membership in this jurisdiction, signing petitions for a dispensation to form a new chapter, shall present a receipt in full for dues up to and including the date of the next recurring convocation of the Grand Chapter.

An excellent report on correspondence was presented by Comp. R. W. Woodbury, and as a mark of the appreciation of the Grand Chapter for his valuable services in that line, he was elected to the high office of Grand High Priest. Canada for 1881 receives due notice. He strongly condemns the practice of voting a testimonial to the presiding officer on his retirement, and thinks that his election to the position is all the honor he is entitled to or should receive.

Under "California" he says:—

"In his address he argues in favor of giving better pay to the representatives of subordinate chapters attending Grand Chapter. He thinks it would result in a larger attendance and a fuller expression. We doubt if it would be beneficial. Our experience is against it. Colorado pays neither expenses nor *per diem*, and a full representation is the rule rather than the exception. The members are satisfied to attend for their love of the Order, not for pay."

And under "Illinois":—

"The trouble in Illinois is like that in many other States—they are dying of inaction. It is too often the case that when the officers are elected the great majority of the balance retire to their holes and do not show themselves until the next chance to vote. A scant dozen are expected to fill the officers' chairs, and keep the institution alive and kicking. And there are two methods of doing it. Unfortunately most of the chapters adopt the wrong one. The officers accept the responsibility, perform their official duties, gather at the hall, loaf away their time for an hour past meeting, send out for one or two to make a quorum, open without ceremony, and then wonder why the Companions don't take some interest in it. The other way has but too few followers. A Companion of good sense and tact is elevated to the dignity of High Priest. He knows the officers will attend, but the trouble is to make the privates come around. He quietly sets himself to work to interest them. How? Why, by giving them something to do. If there are no regular duties to assign to Smith and Jones and Brown, he finds something. He enlists their sympathies, and therefore their energies and their presence. He puts life into the whole chapter. And there is not a chapter in Illinois but has more or less members capable of doing just that thing. The trouble is, somebody else is elected."

M. E. Comp. Roger W. Woodbury (Denver), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. Ed. C. Parmalee, (Georgetown,) Grand Secretary.

CONNECTICUT.

The Eighty-fourth Annual Convocation was held at Hartford, May 9th, 1882.

M. E. Comp. Charles W. Skiff, G. H. P.

On the subject of Grand Representatives, he says :—

“Before passing from this subject of Representatives near sister Grand Chapters, I desire to call your attention to the fact that commissions are issued from time to time without limit to the term of service. Years go by and we hear nothing from those who are appointed, and do not know in many cases whether they are living or dead, and some fail to notify us of removal to another jurisdiction. In view of these facts, I recommend that you take such action as shall terminate all commissions with each triennial convocation of the General Grand Chapter of the United States.”

He visited Washington Chapter, No. 6, and found that it was the only one in the State working without some authority from the Grand Chapter, by warrant or some ratification or confirmation of some other warrant or charter. They were working under a charter issued by a Washington Chapter of the City of New York, in 1795. He recommends some action.

On the beneficial effects of the annual visitations of the subordinate chapters, by the Grand Officers, he well says :—

“I would here impress upon my successors in this office the important benefit of annual official visits to every subordinate chapter, by some one of the Grand Council or officers. There are many times important corrections and instructions to be made and given, in order to secure uniformity in the ritual and routine of business in the subordinates, which should be attended to before they come to be regarded as landmarks by companions of this order. There are now but thirty eight chapters in this jurisdiction, which will give to each of the Grand Officers to whom that duty is assigned, not over ten to visit, which is not imposing an arduous duty upon any one of them. Those, too, that are found worthy of occupying, for the term of one or more years, either of the first four offices of this Grand Chapter, ought to be willing to devote some of their time for the benefit of Capitular Masonry.

“I confidently believe that if Washington Chapter, No. 6, and Moosup, No. 37, had been annually inspected, they would not at this time be in the apparently weak condition in which they were recently discovered.”

Companion Wallace K. Bacon, High Priest of Washington

Chapter, No. 6, asked for a charter from this Grand Chapter to take the place of the one now in their possession—a charter granted before the Grand Chapter of Connecticut was organized, by Washington Chapter of New York City—with the request that this old charter might be retained by the chapter as a valuable relic of its early existence. Referred to Committee on Charters.

On Grand Representatives, the following was adopted :—

“RESOLVED, That the Representatives of this Grand Chapter near other Grand Chapters, be required to report annually to the M. E. Grand High Priest their doings as such representatives, and a failure to perform this duty on the part of any such representatives for three consecutive years, shall be considered a vacation of the office, and the commission of such Representative shall thereupon terminate, and notice of such termination shall be given to the Grand Chapter to which he is accredited.”

The charter of Moosup Chapter was revoked, and a new charter was ordered to be issued to Washington Chapter, No. 6, bearing the same name and number as its present one, free of charge, and it was permitted to retain the old charter among its archives.

The report on Correspondence is by Comp. John H. Barlow, and notices Canada for 1881.

Under “California,” he says :—

“While we admit the force of Companion Caswell’s reasoning, and heartily endorse his remarks concerning Masonic drones, we must agree with Companion Dadmun that the status of Companions should be determined by the jurisdiction to which he belongs, rather than the one to which he may temporarily sojourn. We, however, believe that if the so-called punishment of striking from the roll were abolished, and Companions disciplined for non-payment of dues, the same as any other offense, it would result in benefit to the Craft—at least much apparent confusion would be avoided. (This, we know, is contrary to the practice of our Grand Chapter, and the writer alone is responsible for the opinion.)”

His closing remarks are well worthy of perusal :—

“From the proceedings reviewed, we are pleased to notice the general prosperity that has attended the labors of the royal craft since our last review, as evinced by the increase of interest in the work, and a very satisfactory gain in membership. Twenty-eight jurisdictions report a gain of 2,041, as compared with last year; and fourteen jurisdictions report a loss of 1,744, making a net gain the past year of 297 members. If we take into consideration, also, that 3,065 have, dur-

ing the past year, either been suspended, dropped from roll, or deprived of membership for non-payment of dues—most, if not all, were lifeless branches, whose places are supplied, we trust, by zealous, active members—a most satisfactory advance has been made, although comparatively few chapters have been instituted.

“Among the disputed points noticed, we especially commend to the thoughtful consideration of the Companions of Connecticut the subject of discipline for non-payment of dues, which has largely engaged the attention of the Companions of many of the jurisdictions reviewed, a careful study of which has led the writer to the conclusion that the system of striking from the roll, suspension, or deprivation from membership only, as practiced by Connecticut, Massachusetts, and a few other jurisdictions, is only increasing the present army of worthless non-affiliates, which are neither useful or ornamental to the royal craft. This, we think, like any other violation of Masonic law, should be a subject of calm, patient and charitable investigation, and when punishment becomes necessary, let it be such as is recognized for other offenses, as the lodge or chapter shall determine.”

M. E. Comp. James H. Welsh, (Danbury,) G. H. P.

M. E. Comp. Joseph K. Wheeler, (Hartford,) Grand Secretary.

DELAWARE.

The Fourteenth Annual Convocation was held at Wilmington, January 18th, 1882.

Owing to the unavoidable absence of the G. H. P., Comp. John W. Lawson, the chair was taken by the Deputy, Comp. W. G. W. Lewis.

The proceedings were very brief, and call for no special notice.

No business came before the Committees on Jurisprudence, on Warrants, or on By-laws.

The following was adopted:—

“*Resolved*,—That in all future publications of the Journal of Proceedings of this Grand Chapter, the appended list containing names of Companions who have been suspended or expelled during the year be omitted from the returns of subordinate chapters.”

The Report on Correspondence is by Comp. W. G. W. Lewis, and notices Canada for 1881.

In his notice of Tennessee he says:—

“Then comes a general business review, until we reach a passage upon the ‘Condition of the Order,’ that is suited to other jurisdictions as well.

'This is a subject that demands our serious consideration. During the last few years several of our chapters have forfeited their charters. Others that still exist are in a languishing condition, while very few are live working bodies. A number of causes have operated to bring about this result.

'1. The multiplicity of new orders that have sprung up within the last few years. 2. The railroad manner in which degrees are conferred, and the consequent ignorance of the work and lectures resulting therefrom. 3. The pernicious practice of keeping one man, however good and zealous he may be, continually in office as High Priest, so that no one else learns the work.'

'There can be no doubt that the first named of these causes has been widely operative in diminishing the interest of many Companions in the well-being and growth of Capitular Masonry. The genius of our Order will not readily permit the ingrafting of the principle of life-insurance, which has grown to such dimensions in latter years. The apparent benefit of this addition has distracted the attention of many to such organizations as are expressly devoted to this end. Masonry suffers in the house of its friends, and when to this is joined the operation of the third cause named, we find general interest diminishing, and the Order languishing. 'There is a great ideal of human nature in man,' at his best, and few are willing to work year after year without the prospect of receiving their 'penny' in their turn.'

In his notice of Maryland we find the following:—

'We noticed, last year, the discovery of the date, etc., of the formation of the Grand Chapter of Maryland. On our table there now lies 'The Maryland Ahiman Rezon of Free and Accepted Masons, containing the history of Masonry from the establishment of the Grand Lodge to the present time,' published in 1797. From this we learn that the first meeting of deputies met at Talbot Court House, on June 17th, 1783. From this volume we give to our Companions of the present day an ancient

SONG FOR ROYAL ARCH MASONS.

'Let's sing to the three, who first did agree

The Royal Arch secret to keep,

And the same to disclose unto none but to those

The Grand Master shall lawfully greet.

Long time it lay concealed, and all endeavors failed

To bring forth the secret Word;

In a Lodge most secret and sure, by three keys tied secure,

The Grand Master is held on record.

Until by Heaven's decree, it was found out by three

Fellow-Crafts, who knew nothing of the same,

But pulled up a key, and by that secret way,

To a famed Pedestal they came.

At high-noon they did contend to know who to send

To bring forth the secret Word;

And fixt upon one, they gently laid him down,

But secured him first with the Law.

With orders I won't name, but bid him check the same,
 If aught should obstruct his design,
 Which for a while he sought, and up with him he brought,
 While the Sun in his lustre did shine.

Then with hands and with eyes uplift unto the skies,
 On their knees there they offered up praise
 To Jehovah on high, that His all-seeing eye
 Might direct all the crafts on their way.

Then straightway they came unto Jerusalem,
 Where the Grand Master sat on the Throne,
 And delivered the same with great homage unto him,
 And by him to all of us is made known.

Of Jewels possest, he did them invest,
 And placed them in a Royal state,
 Presenting them one, with some secret commands,
 Those three Crafts were made Royal and great.'"

M. E. Comp. Thomas Davidson (Wilmington), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. Henry B. McIntyre (Wilmington), Grand Secretary.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

A Special Convocation was held June 26, 1881, to attend the funeral of M. E. Comp. A. G. Mackey, P. G. H. P., and the renowned Masonic author.

At a Special Convocation on December 5, 1881, the work was exemplified in all the degrees.

The Annual Convocation was held on December 14th, 1881.

M. E. Comp. J. H. Jochum, G. H. P.

The address of the Grand High Priest is an able document, written in an interesting manner, and worthy of attention by all. From it we make the following extracts:—

"Since the death of our late Companion Garfield, the Masonic organizations of which he was a member, viz: Pentalpha Lodge, No. 23, F. and A. M.; Columbia R. A. Chapter, No. 1; Columbia Commandery, No. 2, K. T., and Mithras Lodge of Perfection, A. A. Scottish Rite, moved by a desire to perpetuate the memory of his many virtues and his untimely death, have united in an effort to erect an Institution designed to remain in existence for all time to come, to be established as a purely Masonic Institution, and one which will give every Mason an opportunity to contribute to, as well as to share in its benefits. This is a subject which appeals to the heart of every Mason who takes the least pride in the fact that we have had in our

ranks one who by his exemplary conduct, untiring zeal, wise statesmanship and innumerable other virtues, so endeared himself to the nation as to win for himself the highest station known to man: and it seems to me it will only require an announcement of the fact that its establishment is contemplated, to insure it a hearty and substantial support. A Board of Directors have been elected from the several bodies designated above, who have chosen the following officers: President, M. M. Parker, R. W. Senior Grand Warden and Past Commander of Columbia Commandery, No. 2, K. T.; Vice President, J. H. Jochum, M. E. Grand High Priest; Recording Secretary, James F. Allen, P. M. Pentalpha Lodge, No. 23; Corresponding Secretary, M. Trimble, W. M. of Rose Croix Chapter, A. and A. S. Rite. A certificate of incorporation, in accordance with the forms of law, has been filed, and I feel assured that the enterprise will be pushed forward to a successful completion in the shortest time possible.

"While it is true that appeals to Masons throughout the country for pecuniary assistance in the establishing of National Masonic Institutions have not heretofore met with hearty responses, yet it is believed that in this instance, the appeal being made for so noble an object and its establishment being fixed at the Capital of the Nation, where our lamented President received the greater part of his Masonic light and knowledge, and where he established that fame which so endeared him to the people of all nations, creeds and political opinions, will overcome all objections raised against former appeals of this nature, and insure it such a success as will redound to the credit of all who will assist in its consummation.

"The plan adopted is set forth in a circular issued by the Board of Directors, which will be circulated throughout the country, soliciting contributions of *one dollar* each from every Mason. This amount though small in itself and within the means of all, if generally contributed by the Masons of this country, will realize a fund sufficiently large to endow an Industrial Home for the orphans of Masons, securing to them an education whereby they will be enabled to compete with the world in knowledge, and thus render the production of future statesmen from among their number possible. I invoke the aid and co-operation of the Grand High Priests throughout the Nation in this great and glorious undertaking, and with their assistance we propose to convince the world at large that our professions of charity are not a mere sentiment, and that we are willing to avail ourselves of this sad opportunity to carry them into a practical effect.

"During the year I have made visits to each of the chapters exclusive of those prescribed by the constitution, and take pleasure in stating that I have been received on all occasions with that marked courtesy and deference due to the representative head of this august body, and during the convocations of the several chapters have found the officers generally attentive to their duties. I regret to state, however, that the attendance of the members has not been such as to elicit commendation, but in many instances has been a source of serious discouragement to the officers. This lethargy of the Royal Arch Masons of our jurisdiction has frequently been commented upon by my predecessors, and numerous causes have been assigned and remedies suggested, but thus far no improvement has been made apparent. After a diligent study of the subject, and frequent consultations with distinguished companions, I have concluded to suggest a remedy, which, I am led to believe,

will, if properly applied, have a salutary effect, and tend to produce a greater interest in the chapters.

"We all know that in the symbolic degrees a candidate is required to exhibit a proper degree of proficiency in the degrees obtained before he becomes eligible for advancement, and in fact some lodges require their candidates to pass an examination in open lodge, the lodge being called upon to pass judgment upon his proficiency. The result is that at the present time but few members of any of the lodges are inefficient; and having once acquired a knowledge of the ritual, they find it to their own interest to steadily apply themselves thereto, to prevent their losing the benefit of their early application to its acquirements; hence they are more regular in their attendance at the meetings of their own lodges, and are also frequently observed visiting other lodges and assisting in the ceremonies. Much of the strength of lodges is undoubtedly derived from this feature, which seems to create a closer feeling of intimacy among its members, nearly all of whom are familiar with, and ever ready to discuss the language of the ritual, as well as the beautiful teachings of its impressive symbols. Royal Arch Masons are too frequently heard expressing themselves as more deeply interested in their lodges than in their chapters, and when asked for their reasons, they invariably state their inability to assign any particular reason, other than that they feel more at home there than in their chapters. The novelty of their introduction into the mysteries of Freemasonry through the portals of the lodge may be one of the causes for this preference, but that alone cannot be accepted as a sufficient one. They all concede that their Masonic instruction in the lodge was not complete, and our ceremonies and ritual can suffer nothing by a comparison with those of the symbolic degrees, so we must look further for a reason.

"It is universally conceded that what is most easily acquired meets, generally, with the least appreciation; and it seems beyond doubt that were we more stringent with our candidates and required of them a closer application to, and a better knowledge of, the ritual of the several degrees before they are permitted to advance, the benefit to them as well as to our chapters would be made at once apparent. While our officers generally are proficient, there are but few others who are qualified to instruct the neophyte in all the duties devolving upon him as a Royal Arch Mason, and the only way to make them so is to demand it of them before they are permitted to assume the title. This would also be more in consonance with the present requirements than the methods now pursued of hastily prompting the candidates in the essentials of the preceding degrees on the eve of their boastful display of their rank as Masons during the conferring of the Royal Arch degree. I do not prescribe this as a panacea for all the difficulties under which we labor, but feel confident that its application will go far to eradicate the lethargy of our membership, as well as the much deplored system of using the chapters for no other purpose than as a stepping stone to what are termed the higher orders of Masonry. It can readily be accomplished, either by the appointment in each chapter of some well informed companions for the purpose, or by making it the duty of some particular officer or officers of each chapter to see that the candidates are fully instructed in one degree before conferring upon them another, and by prohibiting their advancement unless sufficient evidence is presented to the chapter that they are

fully qualified to prove themselves skilled workmen, and worthy of the honors and the title with which they have been clothed."

Peace and harmony prevail, and the Committee on Grievances had no business brought before them. The Committee on Jurisprudence was in the same position.

The Committee on Work, of which our old and esteemed friend Comp. J. S. McCoy is chairman, reported as follows :

"Your Committee on Work and Lectures beg leave to report that, in compliance with the resolution of the Grand Chapter, adopted at the Semi-Annual Convocation, June 8, 1881, they have given their best endeavors towards the accomplishment of the duties indicated therein, and have, in conjunction with the Grand Visitor and Lecturer, devoted much time to the instruction of the officers of the several chapters, and by exemplification, in the Schools of Instruction, have endeavored to secure that perfection in the minutiae and details of the floor work so essential as accessories to the ritual-knowledge theretofore obtained.

"The schools were, invariably, well attended, and much emulation exhibited by the officers in the study and acquirement of the details referred to. These laudable efforts were sources of much gratification to your committee, and served to make our labors pleasureable and effective. It being the wish of the M. E. Grand High Priest that the ritual, submitted and adopted at the Semi-Annual Convocation referred to should be exemplified before the Grand Chapter prior to its annual meeting, the Grand Visitor and Lecturer, assisted by your committee and other members of this Grand Chapter, exemplified the several capitular degrees, and in so doing have presented to you the results of several months of thought, study and labor, which has been devoted to the interests of Chapter Masonry and this Grand Chapter.

"We cordially bear testimony to the zeal and untiring devotion of the Grand Visitor and Lecturer during these months, and to the invaluable services rendered by him in the dissemination of the work. We take pleasure, also, in expressing our appreciation of the courtesy shown us by the officers of the chapters, and congratulate them on their successful efforts in acquiring a thorough knowledge of the ritual."

It was ordered that the work as exemplified by the committee be disseminated as the standard work of the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Secretary, Comp. C. W. Hancock, declined reelection, in consequence of pressing business engagements.

We tender our hearty congratulations to our well-remembered friend, Comp. Burton R. Ross, on his elevation to the office of Grand King.

That portion of the address of the Grand High Priest re-

lating to the Garfield Masonic Industrial Institute was approved by the Grand Chapter.

Comp. Noble D. Larner presented the report on correspondence, in which we find the following under the head of "Kentucky":—

"Two handsome offerings to the 'Home' had been made by bequests during the year. He says 'it is no longer a mere experiment, but a glorious and permanent success.' We heartily rejoice to learn such to be the fact, but we doubt the permanency unless Kentucky Masons differ from all that we have heretofore known. The prevalence of state and church institutions in this country has caused a lukewarmness, after a while, when the broom has been worn down to a mere stump, when 'taxation' becomes a burden; then, like the Missouri College at Lexington, and the one in North Carolina at Oxford, and many other benevolent enterprises among Masons, they fail to carry out their principles, and finally become such a drag that they are dropped entirely out of view. May this never be the case in Kentucky with the 'Home.'"

In his review of New Jersey, he says:—

"The obligations of Masonry become more binding as we proceed. If a brother does not perform strictly his obligations to his lodge there is *prima facie* evidence that he will not do so in his chapter, commandery or in the A. A. S. R.; hence, in the latter, an applicant must perform *all* of his duties as a Blue Mason to entitle him to the degrees in that rite, and to be an active member after he shall have received them. In this jurisdiction the ground is taken that a dropped member is not in good standing in his lodge or chapter, while his *general* Masonic status is not affected, save in the matter of membership in the body to which he belonged."

Comp. Larner believes in liberty of conscience, and he thinks that we should not try to force all others into our way of thinking, and that many of the points of difference between Masonic reviewers arise from the different local regulations adopted by each Grand Chapter. It would be well for all of us to bear this in mind.

"This should teach us all that on many, very many, Masonic questions where we may disagree, it is because local regulations or decisions differ very materially, and we should not therefore endeavor to force others into our belief as to matters of that kind. We believe that in a majority of jurisdictions the views of the New York committee prevail. In the District of Columbia the practice is to keep the charter within the lodge or chapter room proper when the lodge or chapter is opened, not even permitting it to be taken to the ante-room for inspection of visitors. We do not agree to this as being necessary; but there is a superstition hanging around this subject which reason does not reach. We were not so educated, nevertheless, respect the opin-

ions and feelings of others. In the Maine report Brother Drummond has surrendered the question and gone over the fence."

On the subject of the reversal of the verdict of a lodge, where such verdict is an acquittal, he says:—

"It has been long established that no man can be tried twice for the same offence. An acquittal once given, he becomes free. In Masonic judicatories there is a peculiar state of things. The body of Masons of which the accused is a member prosecutes for every case as a criminal suit. Even the slightest difference between two members of the Order becomes a case of 'crime' against the 'state' of Masonry. Hence, if we apply the principles which govern *our State courts*, the accused being acquitted, who is there to appeal properly? The lodge or chapter cannot appeal against its own action. If the accused be found guilty, *he* has the right of appeal. Any member of the lodge, under the common right, can appeal against the decisions and rulings of the Master of the lodge by which the accused may have been acquitted, and the decision of the Master may be reversed; but that should not affect the status of the acquitted member. The Master and the lodge may be censured or punished; but so far as the trial and acquittal they should stand. Now, this is all predicated upon the arguments used by our legal brethren upon 'trials of Masonic offences,' being similar to those in state courts. Inasmuch as the Masonic Society is, like that of the church, predicated simply upon a moral basis and authority (which centres in a belief in God as a Moral Governor, while in the state a citizen is governed by effectual authority held over him by, and centreing in, the constituted powers of the state), there must be a difference between our Masonic moral government and its machinery, on the one hand, and that of the state on the other. We have no space here to discuss this question, and leave it for the consideration of our thinkers and writers, with this one suggestion, however: As a moral institution, it has the power of self-correction, by trying its members in their absence when the absentees place themselves beyond the 'pale' to avoid the 'law of the land.' In every well conducted trial in Masonic procedures, the accused is represented by counsel, or may be present himself, if he chooses to do so."

M. E. Comp. James P. Pearson (No. 1427 Rhode Island Avenue North-west, Washington), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. Lewis G. Stephens (Masonic Temple, Washington), Grand S.

GEORGIA.

The Fifty-ninth Annual Convocation was held at Macon, April 27th, 1881.

M. E. Comp. J. W. Oslin, G. H. P.

The Grand High Priest delivered an extemporaneous address, having been prevented from preparing a regular address by severe injuries received in being thrown from his carriage.

Four chapters having made no returns for several years, their charters were declared forfeited.

The committee appointed to confer with a similar committee from the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, relative to the consolidation of the two Grand Bodies, was discharged.

M. E. Comp. C. E. Lambdin, (Barnesville,) G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. J. E. Blackshear, (Macon,) Grand Secretary.

The Sixtieth Annual Convocation was held at Macon, April 26th, 1882.

M. E. Comp. Charles E. Lambdin, G. H. P.

From his address, we take the following excellent remarks :—

"But, Companions, there is, besides inattention and indifference, another cause perhaps equally as detrimental to the interests of Masonry, and perhaps more responsible for the decline of Masonry in Georgia than any others. We have all noticed the dispiriting influence of debt upon individuals; we have seen how greatly it paralyzes the energies and beclouds the hopes of its victims; and the observation and experience of the last decade have shown us that the same is true as to its effects upon corporations. We have seen the Grand Lodge, as well as the Grand Chapter, laboring to keep itself from the maelstrom of financial bankruptcy by adopting various questionable measures. The Grand Chapter issued scrip for several Convocations to pay a part of the mileage and per diem of its members, and finally resorted to an extra assessment upon the subordinate chapters, impoverishing and crippling them in their resources, and creating among their members a dissatisfaction that has never been wholly relieved. The Grand Lodge has resorted to biennial sessions, that the mileage and per diem of alternate years may be applied to the liquidation of its debt.

"The effect of both these measures has been to the detriment of Masonry within our jurisdiction, dispiriting to its membership, and rendering the "*profane*" suspicious of the permanency of the Institution.

"The Grand Chapter, I am glad to know, has repaid the several chapters the amount of the extra assessment, and by reduced mileage and per diem is laboring to keep expenses within the limits of her resources. Allow me to recommend in this connection, that a further reduction be made, so that each member shall receive no more than his *actual expenses*. This I deem but just to the Grand Chapter and to its members, so that no discrimination shall be made in favor of the more remote against those living nearer, and that "each may receive his just dues and no more."

"It may seem to some that the mention of matters relating to the Grand Lodge is out of place, but when we remember the intimate connection existing between the Grand Chapter and the Grand Lodge, knowing that the Lodge is the foundation upon which the superstructure of the Chapter must be erected, and that the permanence of the Lodge ensures the permanence of the Chapter, and the disruption of the Lodge renders the disruption of the Chapter inevitable, I trust it will not be considered irrelevant. The questions, then, Companions, to which we must address ourselves are, what shall we do for our beloved Institution? how can we best promote its interests? We meet in annual convocation not solely to examine into the present status of the several chapters, but to devise plans, to legislate for its increased efficiency for the future, not simply to view a patient sick, or wounded, it may be, but to administer to his relief and restore him to vigorous usefulness; not to destroy, but to take such action as will result in the rehabilitation of our tottering chapters. How great the trust that has been confided to our keeping!

"Let us then be fully equal to the responsibility and labor to perpetuate this grand system of 'morals veiled in allegory.' Let us remember that it is not for the past or present that we are to act, that our legislation is not so much for our own profit as for the benefit of posterity. Let us enter upon the work with views so enlarged that they may extend beyond the narrow horizon that shuts in the present, and reach out and grasp the needs of the future as well. It is your peculiar privilege to infuse renewed zeal and enthusiasm into the Order by such wise counsels and acts as you may deem suitable to the situation. Remembering that all external devices are vain, nay, useless, let us address ourselves to the *heart* of Masonry, to the affections of our Companions, for it is there alone that Masonry abides in the strength of love and unity.

'Oh, if there is one law above the rest,
Written in reason; if there is a word
That I would trace as with a pen of fire
Upon the unsunned temper of a child;
If there is anything that keeps the mind
Open to angels' visits and repels
The ministry of ill, 'tis human love.'

Owing to the prevalence of small-pox in Atlanta, he had ordered the place of meeting to be changed to Macon.

The world-renowned and distinguished Companion, Albert Pike, was present, and was received with all the honors due to so eminent a visitor.

The following resolution was adopted:—

"WHEREAS, the Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, by Providential cause, has been this year held in this city (Macon) instead of Atlanta, where by regular course of alternation it should have been held, now to preserve the regular regulation between the two cities, as designed by the Constitution, and to set at rest all question as to the place where our next convocation shall be held. Therefore be it agreed and

RESOLVED, That the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter shall be held in the city of Atlanta, and the next after in the regular course in the city of Macon, the constitutional alternation thereafter occurring agreeably to this departure."

M. E. Comp. C. E. Lambdin, (Barnesville,) G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. J. E. Blackshear, (Macon,) Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS.

The Thirty-second Annual Convocation was held at Chicago, October 27, 1881.

M. E. Comp. Silas O. Vaughan, G. H. P.

He issued one dispensation for a new chapter, and refused one.

Among the Representatives appointed by him, we find the name of R. E. Comp. William Forbes, to the Grand Chapter of Canada.

They have 171 chapters, and over 10,000 members.

The following reports of the Committee on Jurisprudence were received and adopted:—

1st. In the matter of charges against P. H. P., Robert Malcom, by Corinthian Chapter, No. 69, your committee are of the opinion that where the charges are for official acts, the language of the decision quoted by the M. E. Grand High Priest is clear and explicit, and the right to try the Companion on such charges is vested in the Grand Chapter alone, and cannot be transferred to a commission appointed by the Grand High Priest.

If, however, the charges are against a P. H. P. for conduct unbecoming a Mason during his term of office, and not in any manner involving his official acts as High Priest, then the chapter of which he is a member has the right to try such charges.

2nd. Your committee recommend that the fees to be charged by the M. E. Grand High Priest be fixed as follows:—For dispensation to elect and instal officers at any other time than that specified in the by-laws, \$2; for dispensations for receiving and acting on petitions out of regular time, \$10 for each candidate.

3rd. That the amendment to the by-laws offered by Comp. T. T. Gurney, fixing the salary of the M. E. Grand High Priest at \$400 per annum, be adopted.

4th. In regard to making the possession of the Council degrees a prerequisite to membership in the chapter, which question was referred to your committee at the last Grand Convocation of Grand Chapter, we respectfully report that your committee are unanimously of the opinion that the Council degrees are not and should not be a necessary prerequisite to full membership in the chapter.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the communication of Comp.

E. A. Lee, to Grand Secretary Barnard, recommend that in cases where charters of chapters have been arrested or surrendered, the Companions who were formerly members of such chapters, but suspended for non-payment of dues, may be reinstated to good standing as non-affiliated R. A. Masons by vote of the Grand Chapter, upon payment of the amount of dues charged against them respectively, at the date of such suspension.

The following resolution was adopted:—

Resolved,—That the commissions of all representatives of this Grand Chapter near other Grand Bodies expire with the date of the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter in 1883, and that thereafter all similar commissions shall expire with the date of the succeeding Triennial Convocations.

A committee of five was appointed to confer with a like committee from the Grand Council as to the best disposition to be made of the Council degrees, and to report at the next Annual Convocation.

The Report on Correspondence is by Comp. Robert L. McKinlay. Canada does not appear. On the question of reconsideration he says:—

“We think if the Chapter finds out that it has made a mistake, it is but simple justice that it should have the power at the meeting the mistake occurred, to correct that mistake, and not compel a Companion to be put to the trouble and expense of an appeal. In ordinary matters they have this power, and, when it comes to the important matter of the suspension of a Companion, we think that the right should exist with still more force.”

On the proper treatment of visitors he says:—

“No visiting Companion should ever be permitted to leave the chapter ‘as much of a stranger as when he came.’ Let the High Priest see that the visitor becomes personally acquainted with each member present, and when he departs and returns to his home, he will always have a kind word to say for the chapter that treated him so kindly, and he will always have a better opinion of the Masonic institution. Companions, always give the stranger a warm and fraternal greeting, and you will have your reward in his best wishes.”

M. E. Comp. John P. Norvell (Danville), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. G. W. Barnard (168 Washington St., Chicago), G. Sec.

INDIANA.

The Thirty-sixth Annual Convocation was held at Indianapolis, October 19th, 1881.

M. E. Comp. Edward Walker, G. H. P.

The Grand High Priest delivered an able and interesting address, from which we make the following extracts:—

“The Companions of Vernon Chapter, No. 68, desired to confer all the Chapter Degrees on three brethren at one convocation of the chapter and asked through their secretary for a dispensation to do so—volunteering the opinion that it would be for the good of Masonry, and assigning as a reason that they were all travelling men and could not be there at the stated convocations of the chapter, to take the degrees in regular order. I declined to issue the dispensation, assigning as reasons therefor, the following:

“I did not believe I had the power to suspend the rules of a subordinate chapter, and certainly there was no such power delegated to the Grand High Priest; and that however swift in the work no corps of workers could confer all the degrees as they should be conferred in a single evening, and if they could, it was not possible for the Companions thus ‘rushed through’ to comprehend all they were there taught, even of the symbols, to say nothing of the ritual explanatory of them, and that Masons thus made were never anything but drones. Companions, is it not just possible that the capitular degrees are used in many instances only as a stepping-stone to the commandery, and nothing thought of afterwards?

DECISIONS.

“On the 25th day of November, 1880, I received a letter under the seal of Kendallville Chapter, No. 64, asking what power the chapter possessed to obviate a difficulty the Companions of that chapter had with one of its members, for refusing to let a brother who had received the Mark and Past Master’s degrees, go further. The secretary did not state in his letter whether the Companion objecting to the advancement of the brother had given his reasons for objecting in writing, but stated to me, what he, I think, supposed the objections were. I replied, citing Rule 102, of this Grand Chapter, that it was the imperative duty of the High Priest, to arrest proceedings when objection was made by a Companion; and also Rule 143, of this Grand Body, that if the chapter determined that the objections were ‘trifling, captious, sinister or unworthy,’ the chapter had power to suspend such objecting Companion.

“In this connection I desire to make a recommendation, that the subordinates may hereafter be in possession of no more rights as against brethren petitioning for the degrees in a chapter, than the profane are allowed petitioning for the degrees in the lodge.

“I recommend that the Grand Chapter so change the law governing the admission of candidates to the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Chapters in this jurisdiction, that one ballot shall be sufficient to warrant any chapter in conferring all the degrees of the chapter. In making this recommendation, I am not unmindful of the fact that the doctrine enunciated in my comments upon my own decision, is not acquiesced in by all the members of this Grand Chapter, but to the end that justice may be done, an open question settled, and my successor relieved of embarrassment such as I have experienced upon this question, I make this recommendation. Other and perhaps better reasons for changing the law as it now stands, can be given, but for these, I have without consultation determined to bring it before

you for your consideration, and hope it will be disposed of, as it seems to me the rights of no Royal Arch Mason can be compromised by this change in our laws; while under laws as they now stand, any Companion objecting to the advancement of a brother may do so without assigning a reason therefor; and I claim that the entire chapter has a right to know it, if there is anything in the character of the applicant rendering him unfit to receive the Royal Arch degree, and only a formal trial, with charges and specifications, can determine it. In the hope that you will give it your careful and earnest consideration I leave it with you."

The latter paragraph was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, but no report thereon appears in the proceedings.

There were no appeals or grievances, peace and harmony prevailing throughout the jurisdiction.

It was decided that in no case should the funds of the Grand Chapter be loaned to individuals.

It is the duty of the Grand High Priest in Indiana to prepare the Report on Correspondence, and Comp. Walker has performed this duty in a very thorough manner. His report covers 147 pages, and reviews the proceedings of nearly all the Grand Chapters. Canada for 1881 receives due notice. In commenting upon the number of special dispensations issued by our Grand Z., he says:—

"This was a matter of some interest to the writer, because a like report of ours will be very apt to call forth some discussion, and, may be, a rebuke, for a failure to comply with the strict letter of the law in arresting a charter long forfeited, and it is interesting to know how far a Grand High Priest in another jurisdiction can go, in disregard of the *letter* of the law, and be sustained by the Body over which he is called to preside. The Grand Z. was let down 'easy.'"

Just like the rest of us, his report was prepared under difficulties, although the excellence of his workmanship needs no apology. No doubt, we could all do better than we do, that is, those of us who have anything else to do, but his situation will be fully appreciated by those who have been in almost the same position:—

"In looking over what we have written, much of it seems so susceptible of improvement that we almost wish we had the time, we would gladly perform the labor, believing we could prepare one that would suit better. But cannot do the work of a twelvemonth in less than two, when other cares and other labor, official and professional,

are pressing. Scarcely a page of all we have written, that has been written without interruption of some kind, and when we have had a thought to transcribe, some one has appeared with a complaint either of body or mind, (the writer is Mayor of the city, and a practicing physician), and when another attempt has been made, all the cudgeling of our brain we could do, would not bring back the idea without robbing it of its happiest features, so that the conception of an idea and getting it on paper would not 'dove-tail.' But we have done as well as anybody, 'the best we could.'"

In his notice of Wisconsin, we find the following comments on a decision of their G. H. P.:—

"It contains two decisions, one of which is to the effect that a Companion who petitions for affiliation and is B. B., need not wait six months, to again send in his petition, as would have to be done by the brother who petitions for the degrees. Why the distinction? We meet them both 'upon the level;' every brother who has 'witnessed an example of firmness, and fortitude never surpassed in the history of man,' in conferring the third degree, is just as adroit in covering up his rascality as one who has passed the veils, and no more so.

"If he is unfit for the society of Masons when he has been exalted, he was most likely unfit for that society when he 'first trod the outer courts of the temple,' and *vice versa*. We are under just as many and solemn obligations, to a Master Mason, who wants to complete his Masonic edifice, as to one who has completed it. A funeral ceremony would be conducted with just as much solemnity for a Master Mason, as for a Royal Arch Mason, and we are under just as many and solemn obligations to bury a Master Mason, as though he had 'wrought in the quarries'—'presided in the Oriental Chair'—seen the 'fire come down from heaven,' or been promised that

'The sound of the gavel
Shall hail us no more,'

and personated those afflicted sons of Zion who were 'visited in the darkest night of their adversity, by a peaceful light from heaven, which guided them over rough and rugged roads, to the scene of their former glory.' Again, what has six months to do with it? If a Mason is too vile for our companionship to-day, what assurance have we that he will have become fit in six months, or six years? or if in six months why not in six days; or if, the objecting companion does so from some 'trifling, captious, sinister or unworthy' motive, why not make him amenable to Masonic discipline. If there is anything in the character of a Mason rendering him unfit for association with any, and every other brother under the broad canopy of heaven, why not have a regulation compelling a brother or companion to disclose that disqualification?—not to blazen it forth to the world, but 'admonish us of approaching danger'—that we may avoid the peril of a secret foe who might waylay or covertly injure us. We are entitled to it, and this 'ancient landmark' or any other idolatrous sermonizing should not deter us from acting the part of men and Masons. A veneration for the ancient landmarks is commendable, but a veneration for that high-toned moral courage, that unflinchingly stares adverse criticism in the face, and a veneration for a rational and scientific symbolism, is more commendable.

"A worship of a law, or a usage, or a landmark, that compels a man to do wrong is the boldest kind of feticism, or the most degraded form of idolatry. But why enlarge? Most Masons will have to be made over, or they will still cling to the ancient landmarks, usages and regulations taught them on their way to the middle chamber, and even after they have completed their Masonic edifice; and, furthermore, there is very little encouragement in attempting a reformation since all the dogmas that have stood in the way of a change, will be paraded again. Now, we have 'had our say,' and if you want to, why lay on. Who speaks first? But hold no one responsible for this, except the Grand High Priest of Indiana, in 1880 and 1881."

We were glad to read these outspoken and stirring remarks. Comp. Walker deserves credit for the stand he has taken in this matter. We have argued on the same side in our previous reports, and hope yet to hail the time when all the Grand Chapters shall hold the same views.

M. E. Comp. Charles H. Butterfield, (Evansville,) G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. John M. Bramwell, (Indianapolis,) Grand Secretary.

IOWA.

The Twenty-eighth Annual Convocation was held at Des Moines, October 25th, 1881.

M. E. Comp. Almon R. Dewey, G. H. P.

He issued dispensations for four new chapters.

The following decision is correct:—

"*Third*—Can a Master Mason who has lost one arm receive the chapter degrees?

"*Answer*,—This question having been commented upon somewhat throughout this jurisdiction, I give my conclusion and reasons therefor in full. Universally our law requires that timber for the Temple must be perfect—"sound in limb and true in heart." 'It (the law) contemplates bringing all men up on a level at the shrine of Masonry. It contemplates the equal right of all to advancement, according to merit. It guards against the heartburnings which might result from the physical inability of some to become teachers and masters of the Craft. The law requires the member shall be sufficiently perfect in body to practice and teach the rituals of Masonry. Again, how could a Mason teach the ritual who has but one foot? How could a blind or deaf man give instructions in Masonry? * * * They cannot practice our ritual, and, therefore, cannot properly be admitted.' Our ancient brethren were taught to practice the rite (operative) of Masonry. We are taught to practice and teach speculative Masonry—to *practice* and *teach* the *art*—and no companion needs to be told what is meant by the 'art of Masonry.' I conclude, therefore, that such a defect would render the applicant ineligible. In coming to this con-

clusion, I am not forgetful that many a worthy brother, being so unfortunate, would be barred the privilege of this branch of our Order, but the rule is too imperative to be disregarded."

A resolution to permit the use of substitutes in conferring the Royal Arch Degree was negatived by a vote of 161 to 43. The majority was large, but we should think that some of the smaller Chapters would find the prohibition sometimes very inconvenient. We have never been able to see what great harm could be done by allowing companions to be substituted to make up the required "team." The symbolism is preserved, and the lessons taught equally as satisfactorily.

There were no appeals or grievances, peace and harmony prevailing.

The following resolution was adopted:—

"Resolved, That this Grand Chapter appropriate of its funds the sum of two hundred dollars for the benefit of the sufferers from the ravages of the late fires in the state of Michigan; that the Committee on Finance report the necessary appropriation therefor, and that the Grand Secretary transmit the same to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of the State of Michigan, with the request to place the same in proper hands for distribution."

The report on correspondence is by Comp. T. R. Ercanbrack, and notices Canada for 1881. As to our report he says:—

"Companion Henry Robertson again greets us with one of his unique reports. He offends nobody. If all the world was like Companion Robertson, what a peaceful time we would have! Iowa for 1880 is noticed at length and handsomely."

M. E. Comp. Augustus C. Sherwood, (Marshalltown,) G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. William B. Langridge, (Muscatine,) Grand Secretary.

IRELAND.

GRAND OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1881.

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| King..... | Hon. Judge Townshend, LL.D. |
| Deputy King..... | Charles Capel Macnamara, LL.D. |
| High Priest..... | John Fox Goodman. |
| Chief Scribe..... | George Hill Major. |
| Captain of Host..... | Rev. J. A. Galbraith, S.F.T.C.D. |

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| Sup. of Tab..... | George J. Norman de Arcy, J.P. |
| Royal Arch Capt..... | Rev. Benjamin Gibson, A.M. |
| Capt. of Sect. Veil..... | John Hodges. |
| Capt. of Purple Veil... | Robert W. Griffin, LL.D. |
| Capt. of Blue Veil..... | Charles Foot. |
| Chaplain | Rev. Thomas J. Welland, A.M. |
| Treasurer | Maxwell C. Close, D.L., M.P. |
| Registrar | Samuel B. Oldham. |
| Janitor..... | William J. Welland. |
| External Janitors.... | { Richard L. Stevens. |
| | { William Townley. |

The Stated Convocations of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland for 1881, will be held at Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, on the following Wednesdays, viz.:—February 2nd, May 4th, July 6th, and November 2nd, at eight o'clock, p. m.

The Royal Arch Board of General Purposes meets at Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, on the Friday preceding each Quarterly Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, at four o'clock, p. m. All communications to be laid before the Board should reach the Grand Registrar's office at least one week previous to each meeting.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Instruction will meet at Freemason's Hall, Dublin, on the following Wednesdays in 1881, viz.:—January 26th, February 23rd, March 23rd, April 27th, May 25th, and November 23rd, at 8 o'clock, p.m.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter Committee of Inspection meets on the third Monday in each month (except August), at four o'clock, p. m. Names of candidates should be sent in at least one week previously.

All communications should be addressed to Companion Samuel B. Oldham, Grand Registrar, Freemasons' Hall, Dublin.

KANSAS.

The Sixteenth Annual Convocation was held at Topeka, February 15th, 1881.

M. E. Comp. Erasmus T. Carr, G. H. P.

In his address he says :—

“While we have the gratifying assurance that the number of our chapters is rapidly increasing, and that each individual chapter is as rapidly increasing in membership, have we the assurance that our beloved Order is doing all it should do for the general good; do our charities and the influence of our good works extend in proportion as our numbers increase? Let us ask ourselves these questions and ponder well the answer. Let us, as individuals and as chapters, labor to do all the good we can while our opportunity lasts, that we may ever be held in grateful remembrance by those who shall come to take our places.”

He issued dispensations for eight new chapters, which is a very large number for one year. One of these new chapters, Macpherson Chapter, was instituted by Comp. Robertson.

“Companion J. Lee Knight, from the Visiting Committee, submitted the following report, which was received, adopted, and the committee continued during the Annual Convocation :—

“Your Committee on Examination of Visitors would fraternally report that, under the Constitution, Laws and Edicts of the M. E. Grand Chapter, all companions properly vouched for and presenting the true signet, are admitted as *visitors* to the *sanctum sanctorum*, and, in the absence of a constitutional quorum, are liable to be enrolled among the band of workmen who constitute the Grand Chapter.

“Any companion who is neither *principal*, *proxy*, *Past High Priest*, nor *properly presented*, will receive fraternal attention by making an alarm and submitting his claims in *DUE* and *ANCIENT FORM* to the committee. We ask that the Grand Guard be directed accordingly.”

A resolution to allow a Companion to be eligible to the office of High Priest, without previous service as King or Scribe, was rejected.

A special Committee was appointed to revise the Constitution, By-laws, and Standing Regulations of the Grand Chapter, and to report the same at the next Annual Convocation, with a digest of decisions.

The following resolutions were presented, but the record does not show whether they were adopted or not. We approve of both, but two substitutes might be allowed as well as one :—

“RESOLVED, That this Grand Chapter fraternally recommend that hereafter full classes of actual candidates be used, except in cases of emergency; then, in that case, one substitute candidate may be used.

“RESOLVED, That a petition for the Capitular degrees or for mem-

bership must be presented at a regular convocation, and must not be balloted for at the same convocation at which it was received, and no candidate shall be advanced until his proficiency in the preceding degree has been established by an examination in open chapter."

The Report on Correspondence is presented by the Grand Secretary, Comp. John H. Brown, who compliments Comp. Spry on his address of 1880. He also says:—

"Two dispensations were issued for the formation of new chapters. Great care seems to be taken by our companions on the other side of the line in the matter of the organization of new chapters, never permitting a new chapter to be organized where there is the least possible chance of endangering a chapter already organized and working. On our side of the line there is entirely too much looseness in the matter of organizing Masonic bodies. The only thing that seems to be required is the constitutional number of members, thought being rarely taken of examining the class of material they propose to offer, the very thing which is most important to the successful carrying out of the plan of organization, or should be so."

In his notice of Mississippi, he has the following very excellent and forcible remarks on the pernicious and unmasonic method proposed of trying to benefit Masonry, by amalgamation with a life insurance company. If our grand old institution cannot continue to be the best, as well as the most ancient of all the societies of modern times, without such a union as that proposed, we may as well give it up, for it is certain that such a devious method has no true Masonry whatever about it:—

"The trite old adage applies in full force in this day of new things, 'Every dog has his day.' Let us abide our time; we shall outlive all such ephemeral canines as these that bark at us because we do not abandon our legitimate work of Temple building and go into banking, brokerage and life insurance." * * * "We cannot dictate to our Mississippi brethren, or do aught but shake the head sadly at such a lapse from the traditions, landmarks and teachings of Masonry, but should any nearer home ever threaten to let Capitular Masonry decline unless we admit money changers to the Temple, we would say then let it decline, for it is time. From the root of the rotten and fallen tree new sprouts arise, and from the everliving root of such decayed Masonry would spring a new and hardy growth to overshadow the ruins of the old. If any Capitular Masons wish to leave us for the ephemeral monetary institutions, in God's name let them go, and may He prosper them according as they have proved faithful to their trust. But let them first omit the present form of obligation from their initiation ceremonies; it can not be made to fit any such emasculated Masonry."

Under "Ohio," he says:—

"We have ever been of that class who believe that a thing worth doing at all is worth the time and pains it requires to do it well. Masons who do not like Masonry well enough to devote a small portion of their time, say twelve to twenty-four nights in the year, stand aside and do not encumber its progress with your ponderous body of indifference. Such are of no earthly advantage to any society of which they may chance to become members. What any society of men want most is live and wide-awake members, up and ready for any good work."

And under "South Carolina," he says :

"All Grand Chapters who indulge in the luxury of paying per diem and mileage so extravagantly, must suffer sooner or later. It seems they pay almost their entire receipts from dues for per diem and mileage. For some cause our worthy companions seem to forget that the Grand Chapter derives its revenue almost entirely from subordinate chapters. Now, if they draw more out of the treasury than they pay in, surely the Grand Chapter must soon end in bankruptcy. They seem to think Masonic Bodies are like Uncle Sam—have a fountain to draw from, and it does not make any difference whether they pay anything in or not. Stop speculating and your companions will soon find themselves with a plethoric treasury."

M. E. Comp. Silas E. Sheldon, (Topeka,) G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. John H. Brown, (Wyandotte,) Grand Secretary.

The Seventeenth annual Convocation was held at Topeka, February 14th, 1882.

M. E. Comp. Silas E. Sheldon, G. H. P.

His opening remarks are good:—

"It is a customary duty of the Grand High Priest, in welcoming Companions to the Grand Convocations, and before submitting to their consideration its formal annual report of the routine transactions of the Grand Chapter, to dwell briefly upon the history of the Order in the State and nation for the previous year, with such reflections upon the same as may seem to be appropriate to the subject and the occasion. The want of leisure, as well as the want of eloquence appropriate for so grand a theme, must plead my excuse for not having prepared an address which should be in some degree worthy of this occasion and this assemblage. I would if I could, discuss in apt and eloquent words the glory, grandeur and beauty of this institution, the best justification of the existence of which is that those of its disciples who follow its teachings are in their relations to the world, to the initiate, and the profane, to the high and low, to the rich and poor, just, self-respecting, honorable and benevolent men. I do not say that there are not such men outside of the mystic circle of our Companionship. Our society, like all human institutions, is auxiliary, not creative; we subserve morality; we can not compel men to be good, but I am sure

that there is no Companion present who has not felt, in his own experience, that his knowledge of our beautiful ritual and his observance of our ceremonies and his belief in the salutary precepts of our Order, has, in some degree, coerced him in the direction of right conduct and restrained him from temptation. If it were not so, Masonry would be without its saving principle, and it would die of inanition, for the mere formulary of Masonry, unformed by sound morality, and without the force of righteous example, is empty mummery, possessed of neither health nor vitality. So, my Companions, we should feel in these annual gatherings that we are not merely convening socially, but that we have come together to conserve and transmit to worthy successors an institution whose corner-stone is faith in God, and which is sanctified as a temple in which, morality is both preached and practiced.

"We have abundant encouragement in this belief that our Order has, and does, promote all the cardinal virtues among men.

"A roll of the membership of the Grand Chapter of any State in the Union would be found to contain, for the most part, men of the highest and purest character, men of brain, of heart and of conscience, but especially have we reason to be proud of our Order and to feel certain that it affords us the Companionship, and insures us the brotherhood of good and worthy men."

He issued dispensations for two new Chapters.

He recommends districting the state, and the appointment of District Deputies to visit the Chapters and give them instruction.

The Grand Lecturer reported as follows:—

"Since the last Annual Grand Convocation I have been called upon but few times to teach, and hence have visited but few Chapters. In those visited, I found the work and lectures poorly rendered, and in most cases badly mixed with the work of other Jurisdictions.

"I am of the opinion that this trouble is owing to the irregular and unlawful means by which they attempt to acquire the work. Many times Companions from other Jurisdictions come among us who have at best but a smattering only of the work and lectures of their Masonic homes, and are therefore ill-qualified to instruct others even in the work which they pretend to know. Many times, too, the officers of our Chapters permit such Companions to interfere, forgetting that this Grand Chapter has adopted a system of esoteric work and lectures, and appointed competent instructors to impart it.

"We flatter ourselves that we have adopted the best system of Capitular Rituals extant, and no other should be tolerated, otherwise confusion instead of harmony will prevail. The Grand Chapter should at once take steps to remedy this evil, by devising a reliable method for imparting the correct work, and thus stop all interference by intruders or dissenters, with our plan and work.

"As we grow in numbers, and Chapters increase, the labor of perfecting uniformity becomes more onerous, and the longer we delay this matter the more obstacles will have to be surmounted to accomplish so desirable an object.

"In view of the confusion now existing, which can but steadily increase unless promptly checked, I respectfully but earnestly urge timely, definite and authoritative action on the part of this Grand Body."

Companion Francis Menet presented his credentials as the representative from the Grand Chapter of Canada, and was received with a cordial welcome.

The following resolutions were adopted:—

"RESOLVED, That hereafter all subordinate chapters in the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter failing to make annual returns and pay the amount due, in accordance with standing regulation adopted 1872, and amended 1880, fixing the time January 10th, instead of September 10th, in each year, shall forfeit their right to representation in the Grand Chapter for the coming convocation.

"RESOLVED, That in view of the long and faithful service rendered by our venerable and beloved Companion, Christian Beck, Grand Treasurer, that he be allowed the sum of \$50 as annual annuity for and during his life."

We also copy the report of the Committee on Rituals:—

"Your Committee, to whom was referred that part of the Grand High Priest's address respecting the use of other esoteric work of Capitular Masonry than that of the jurisdiction of Kansas, the part of the report of the Grand Lecturer touching the same subject, and the resolutions of Companion W. E. Reid as to the exemplification of the work of Capitular Masonry at every Grand Annual Convocation, including the present one, beg leave to report:—

"*First*—That they have carefully considered the several subjects, and recommend that this Grand Chapter positively prohibit the introduction of any other work, or so-called work of Capitular Masonry, in this Grand Jurisdiction except that which has been formally adopted by this Grand Chapter.

"*Second*—That at each convocation of this Grand Chapter, after the present one, the work and lectures of Capitular Masonry be exemplified by the Grand Lecturer.

"*Third*—That so much of the Grand High Priest's address as refers to districting the State and appointing D. D. G. H. Priests, be not adopted.

"*Fourth*—That this whole subject, except the resolution of Companion W. E. Reid and the action thereon, be omitted from the report of these proceedings, and that the Grand Secretary be instructed to send to each High Priest and Past High Priest of this Grand Jurisdiction, a circular embodying this report, and the action thereon by this Grand Chapter."

The Grand Secretary again presents the Report on Correspondence, in which our proceedings of 1881 receive due attention.

Under "California," he has the following on dues:—

"We do not favor the ancient idea of an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth, and this 'off with his head!' is a little too Turkish for our day; we doubt if it is at all consistent with our professions, and deem it out of place on our statute books as a part and parcel of man-made law. It does not look well, nor is it necessary to compel a companion to rise in open chapter and plead his poverty to save himself from Masonic decapitation. Circumstances *may* make such severe rulings a necessity in California, but it will not do on this side of the Sierras. We do not care, however, to carry this discussion far; it has been well handled by a number of our writers, and we see no great good in its continuance, further than by quoting occasionally the current opinions on both sides of the question.

"When we reach Maine we may indulge in an extra clip of the scissors, and have a word or more to say thereupon. There is a wide and honest difference of opinion on the question of non-payment of Masonic dues."

On the question of the vacation of the office of Grand High Priest by removal from the jurisdiction, he says:—

"There is room for a difference of opinion on this point, and Masons avail themselves of it, as in other cases. To the writer of this it seems a principle of Masonic law, well established, that an officer of a Masonic Body cannot resign. The officer may die, or remove permanently out of the jurisdiction, and thus vacate the office, and in that case the next in rank succeeds to the chief in command, and for the time being becomes the chief officer. The only question is, can he, after changing his domicile, with a view to permanent residence, outside of the jurisdiction, come back and remain twenty four hours, and reassume the duties and prerogatives of Grand Master, or Grand High Priest? Replying to such a hypothetical question, we can only say that we do not think this course to be in consonance with established Masonic law."

M. E. Comp. George C. Kenyon, (Abilene,) G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. John H. Brown, (Wyandotte,) Grand Secretary.

KENTUCKY.

The Sixty-sixth Annual Convocation was held at Louisville, October 18th, 1881.

M. E. Comp. W. Larue Thomas, G. H. P.

The address is very brief, and confined to local matters, he says:—

"My official acts during the past year have been but few. So far as I am able to judge, many of the chapters have been adding to their membership. In fact, while some have done little or no work, others have been kept busy. I am satisfied that the returns will show an increase over last year, which will be gratifying.

"Peace seems to have reigned supreme in the chapters, judging

from the small amount of official transactions I have been called on to perform during the past year.

"No dispensations for new chapters have been asked for, which I am satisfied is better for the Craft. What we desire most to see is the present chapters filling up. Few chapters with large membership is far preferable to many chapters with small memberships."

On the Council Degrees, majority and minority reports were submitted by the committee on that subject. Both reports appear in full in the minutes. They are able and exhaustive, and full of valuable information. After considerable discussion it was agreed to leave the matter over until the next annual convocation.

The Committee on Jurisprudence had no work to do. Harmony and prosperity prevail throughout the jurisdiction.

A very interesting and able report on Correspondence was presented by Comp. Hiram Bassett. Canada for 1881 receives a good notice. He quotes some of our remarks on dues, and says:—

"We must differ with Comp. R. in regard to the *quality* of the offense. We are of opinion that he who *persistently* violates an obligation he is *able to meet*—whether it be the payment of dues, or any other duty—is guilty of "unmasonic conduct," and deserves more severe discipline than a mere "dropping from the roll" inflicts, according to the ruling in Canada and three or four other jurisdictions. That, indeed, seems to be a *favor*, and, to judge from their conduct, the very one delinquents would ask."

Under "California," he says:—

"The proper time to object to the *reception* of a petition is when it is *announced*, not after it is read; the only proper time to move the *re-consideration* of a subject is at the same meeting action was had upon it; that it is not necessary to open on the Masters' degree before opening a lodge of E. A. or F. C., or to open a chapter before opening any lodge appurtenant thereto."

And under "Maryland":—

"We are opposed to making the right to visit *absolute*, and cannot see that the right to vote would otherwise be of any practical value to the visitor. Objection by a single member, excludes him. We are in favor of a rigid observance of territorial bounds, believing that *ones neighbors* are best qualified to judge of his 'internal qualifications.'"

M. E. Com. R. J. Laughlin, (Neb.), G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. Joseph H. Branham, (Louisville,) Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA.

The Thirty-fifth Annual Convocation was held at New Orleans, February 14th, 1882.

M. E. Comp. Andrew Hero, Jr., G. H. P.

From the address of the Grand High Priest, there does not seem to be any improvement in the condition of the Royal Craft in this State. He says:—

“I had hoped at this convocation to have had the pleasure of reporting an improvement in Capitular Masonry throughout the State, but a spirit of lethargy seems to predominate, and our diminished number of chapters bids fair to be further reduced at this convocation. The paucity of meetings held, and the lack of interest evinced in many chapters, clearly demonstrate that those elevated in the honorable positions of officers have not done everything required of them by the by-laws of their chapters, or the requirements of the Grand Chapter.

“In my opinion, the decline of Royal Arch Masonry in this State can only be remedied by the selection in each chapter of energetic zealous companions as officers, and through them life and interest will be infused into the workings of their respective chapters. Such of our chapters as have adopted this course are prosperous; their returns bear evidence of diligent labor, and indicate that they have entered upon an era of prosperity. and their members can view with pride their flourishing condition.”

In order to increase their finances, he suggests the repeal of the clause in their Constitution which renders life members free from dues to the Grand Chapter.

There were no appeals or grievances.

The Finance Committee reported as follows:—

“Referring to that portion of the Grand High Priest’s address relative to the Grand Lecturer, Life Members, the temporary suspension of mileage, the time of making up the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and the prohibition of city companions acting as proxies, from receiving mileage at any time hereafter, we approve the same, and recommend the adoption of the amendments to the General Regulations offered by R. E. Companion H. C. Young, at the session of the 14th inst.

“Your committee, in estimating the current expenses of the Grand Chapter, find it necessary, either to cut down expenses, or again resort to the plan of assessment. They believe the latter inexpedient, and concur with the Grand High Priest in the former.”

The Report on Correspondence is by an old-time reviewer, Comp. Joseph P. Horner. We have very pleasant remembrances of our meeting with him at the Convention of Reporters, held at Baltimore in 1871, when the unique presen-

tation took place to the late lamented Corson. Comp. Simons led the proceedings in his own inimitable manner, and Comp. Horner followed as a first-class second. We have been driving away at these reports ever since, while Comp. Horner has had a good rest, and we are very glad to welcome him back again.

He notices Canada for 1881, and after quoting some of our remarks on dues, he says :—

“ We have been educated to believe that there may be and are cases in which, by the non-payment of his dues, a companion may be guilty of almost as heinous unmasonic conduct as by the open commission of some detestable crime ; and further, that such cases should be disposed of with as much severity, but at the same time with as much form and ceremony as is required in the latter case. It is the quick method of punishment that we object to, the adopting of a short cut to masonically ostracise a brother, that we deprecate ; but at the same time all must admit the right of the governing bodies in their several jurisdictions to enforce, as long as they have the power, the laws they make on this subject, no matter how oppressive, dangerous or destructive they may be ; so that our companions of Canada do right in conceding that her sister Grand Chapters have the right to be as uncourteous, as unfraternal as they please, and we would add, as unmasonically so as possible.”

In his review of California, he has the following energetic remarks :—

“ On the subject of cheap Masonry, his views are entirely in accord with our own, and we only regret we cannot see this subject more dilated upon in other jurisdictions. No matter how harsh it may appear to the ears of some of our companions, the Order of Masonry is not a democratic, but an aristocratic institution, and intended only for those, who, besides being able by their worldly means to gain admission, should also be able to support the character and discharge the responsibilities of the station they seek. In this State, and we believe it is the case everywhere, the fees charged for admission into the different degrees of Masonry are the same as they were twenty-five years ago, and yet what a tremendous change has taken place, not only in the civilization and growth of the country, but in the expansion of values, and the multiplication and enhancement of the value of necessities, so that it needs no argument to convince any thinking man that the dollar of to-day will not go half so far in the ordinary expenses of life as it would a quarter of a century ago. If the fees for the degrees in Masonry were doubled, now, we believe they would still be cheaper than they were at that time.”

There is considerable force in the argument that the value of money now is not what it used to be. We thoroughly believe in keeping up the price of Masonry. We would like

to see the initiation fees increased all over. We want the best class of men we can get to keep up the character of our institution, and the small fees render it easier for the undesirable class to get in. We do not believe in making Masonry altogether aristocratic, and we know that there are many wealthy men who would not make good Masons, but we would keep the Craft select, and one means to that end would be to make the fees somewhat in the same proportion that they were, say fifty years ago.

In his notice of Iowa, we find the following :—

“The report on Foreign Correspondence is by Comp. T. R. Ercanbrack. He briefly reviews our proceedings of 1880; and referring to the fact that some of our companions are denominated life members, and others active members, he remarks that he would much prefer to be classed among the latter. We wonder if he knows why he should so prefer. We, who belong to the former class, consider it rather a distinction. The title means that we have been for a stipulated series of years active members of our chapter, continuously paid our dues all that time, and, by a contract, proposed to us by the chapter, are entitled after that lapse of time to be exempt from all further dues. If any one suffers from such a contract, it must be our chapter, because it makes no difference in the Grand Chapter revenues, inasmuch as dues and assessments, for us to it, are paid by our chapter, instead of by ourselves.”

“So, despite our companion’s opinion, we shall still consider that he is wrong. We believe the system of life membership, as it is generally understood, to be a good one, and possibly a step to the total abolition of dues in subordinate Masonic Bodies, ‘a consummation devoutly to be wished.’ At the same time, we don’t think that it should be carried so far as to make a diminution in the revenues of the Grand Chapter, which should be calculated upon a *per capita* tax imposed upon each chapter; but the interests of the Grand Chapter ceases there, and it has no interest whether that *per capita* tax be paid by the individual members of the subordinate, or by the subordinate itself.”

Under the head of “Maine,” he says :—

“1st. We gainsay the first proposition, and deny that a Grand Chapter has any right to determine what penalty shall be inflicted for the non-payment of dues by members of subordinate chapters. We contend that the non-payment of dues, is not of itself, a Masonic offense, and therefore not liable to Masonic punishment; that the members of subordinate chapters are only liable to be disciplined for unmasonic conduct, and that their guilt or innocence can only be primarily determined by the subordinate chapter, which alone has the right of measuring the penalty therefor; and that the assumption by Grand Chapters to determine what are Masonic offences, and to specify what penalties shall be inflicted therefor, is unwarranted and unmasonic.

"2nd. We deny most positively that if the Grand Chapter prescribes suspension or expulsion from all Masonic rights, and that penalty is inflicted otherwise than according to the ancient usage of the Order, namely, after due trial and condemnation by secret ballot, that it has the same effect as such disgrace would have if it were regularly inflicted for Masonic crime; and that no edict of any set of men can make it have that effect. And that is easily to be seen, if we consider for a moment some of the effects sought to be produced.

"While such suspension or expulsion debars the unfortunate companion from the right of visitation, and other Masonic rights, and while it purports to cut him off from all Masonic intercourse with his brethren, it in reality does not do the latter. A true Mason, as such, cannot be made, by the moral force of any such law, to deny or refuse such Masonic intercourse, or to refuse and withhold Masonic aid and protection."

We believe that the non-payment of dues should not be punishable with the same severity as unmasonic conduct, and we recognize the distinction between a deprivation of the privileges of lodge or chapter membership, and a suspension from all Masonic rights. We do not, however, concur in the proposition that a Grand Body cannot regulate these matters for its subordinates. The Grand Body is the fountain of all law and regulation. It is not to be supposed that the Grand Body will violate any of the ancient landmarks or usages of Masonry, and it is necessary that it should have the controlling power, otherwise confusion would inevitably ensue.

M. E. Comp. Andrew Hero, Jr., (New Orleans,) G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. James C. Batchelor, (New Orleans,) Grand Secretary.

MAINE.

The Fifty-sixth Annual Convocation was held at Portland, May 3rd, 1881.

M. E. Comp. Joseph M. Hayes, G. H. P.

The address is a business document, brief and practical. He recounts his official acts, and reports having issued one dispensation for a new chapter. As to the treatment of visitors, he gives the following timely hints:—

"In closing my duties as a visiting officer, after an almost continuous service of more than a dozen years, I know you will pardon me if I suggest to the several chapters of this jurisdiction that a visiting

officer should not be considered by them either too large or too small to receive some attention at their hands, and that he ought never to remain a stranger for a moment in a strange place. Remember that he is only a Companion Royal Arch Mason, however high his official station; and that he is a human being, and if fit for his office, is also a social being. It is the duty of the High Priest, if possible, if not, he should appoint some one, to receive the visiting officer upon his arrival, and escort him to his quarters, and see that he is properly accommodated. Then there are many things in your town, which, if pleasantly shown, would be of great interest to him."

No appeals or grievances, and perfect harmony prevailing.

The business transacted was entirely local.

The report on Correspondence is, as usual, a "double-header," by Comps. Drummond and Derby. Canada for 1880 is noticed.

In the comments upon the report of Alabama, we find the following remarks:—

"He says that in his jurisdiction, when a charter is forfeited, the members of the chapter are in good standing as unaffiliated Masons. We presume, however, that they cannot receive such papers as will enable them to join other chapters, until they have paid the arrearages of dues which they owed the defunct chapter at the time its charter was taken away. This is precisely the *status* of a member suspended from, or deprived of membership for non-payment of dues, in Maine; they are in good standing, except that they cannot receive such papers as will enable them to join another chapter, until they pay their arrearages of dues to their old chapter. We hope our companions, who find it so difficult to understand our law in Maine, will closely examine this law in Alabama.

"Because the law happens to be the other way in Maine, and when a charter is revoked, the members are not left in good standing, except so far as exonerated or rehabilitated by the revoking power. Now, if Maine should adopt a resolution like the following:—

"*Whereas*, The Grand Chapter of Alabama has declared that the revocation of a charter does not affect the good standing of the members thereof:

"And '*Whereas*, This Grand Chapter desires emphatically to declare the foregoing to be a violation of Masonic law and usage, and gives countenance' to Masons not in good standing:

"*Therefore be it resolved*, That our subordinate chapters be directed to require all visitors, prior to admission, to declare 'The charters of my lodge and chapter have not been revoked.'

"Our Grand Chapter would precisely follow the example of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, in the adoption of the resolution to which we have referred.

"Still we think our sister Grand Chapters would hold that such a resolution would show *little* wisdom and *less* courtesy.

"The *status* of a Mason is fixed everywhere by the law of his jurisdiction: when any Grand Chapter allows this principle to be en-

croached upon, as the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania has attempted to do, it ceases to be a Sovereign Grand Chapter, and surrenders its prerogative to others." * * *

Under "California," Comp. Caswell receives rather more attention than most of us would care to receive:—

"We rejoice to find that he begins to have a glimmering idea that after all the effect of suspension may depend upon what the party is suspended from. We refer him, however, to our review of District of Columbia for our effort to give further light upon this subject, which, seriously speaking, we find it so difficult for outsiders to understand. The answer, however, to his remarks is, that the Grand Chapter gives to suspension from membership by the lodge precisely the same effect given to it by the law of the Grand Lodge.

"As to our 'blowing hot and blowing cold' upon this question, if he will refer to our review of Alabama, he will find our position squarely defined—the position we have always maintained, and which has never been directly and understandingly assailed.

"He thinks this subject of suspension for non-payment of dues is a sore one for some of us. He says his hair is white with the snow of many winters, but never, until very lately, had he heard of the term 'suspension from membership.' That's just what's the matter; he holds everything horrible that he is not acquainted with; white as his hair may be, this term has been used, known and acted upon in Massachusetts and Maine from a time long before he had any hair at all. But, instead of ascertaining what the term means and has meant for a hundred years and more, he just shuts his eyes and blazes away. He takes exception to the statement of Comp. Dadmun, that the first clause of the Pennsylvania resolution is false, saying it is a strong term; we don't see why, unless he strains what Comp. D. says to mean wilfully false. Now, then, the statement of that resolution, that 'Several of the Grand Chapters of the United States have declared that a companion suspended by his Lodge of Master Masons is not suspended in his chapter,' is not true; *no Grand Chapter has ever so declared*, and none ever will; the declaration was 'suspended from membership': every Grand Chapter holds that when a member is suspended (which, when used alone, *ex vi termini*, means suspended from all Masonic rights) by his lodge he *is* suspended in his chapter. Comp. Caswell has also fallen into the error that 'suspension from membership' is a new term for 'striking from the roll,' whereas the former term is older than our Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter, and the latter term was never known in Maine or Massachusetts.

"We have a system of our own in Maine and Massachusetts, which is that we will not allow a lodge or chapter to deprive a Mason of all his Masonic rights for non-payment of dues, but limit them to terminating his membership in the lodge or chapter (or suspending him from membership), leaving him an unaffiliated Mason in good standing. The dues are held to be the equivalent for the privileges of lodge membership, and the failure to pay them deprives the party of these privileges, and no more.

"Pennsylvania and California also have systems of their own, but they seem to want to compel all other Grand Chapters to adopt theirs. To this, we in Maine say, we object to being *driven* to abandon a sys-

tem which experience shows is a better one than the one we are required to adopt. Comp. Caswell will probably be surprised to learn,

"1. That our percentage of non affiliates is less than that of almost any other jurisdiction :

"2. That our percentage of delinquents in paying dues is also less than that in any other jurisdiction, so far as can be determined by the statistics.

"The fact is, that Masons are very human, and are much more likely to pay dues as a matter of duty and honor, than they would be in consequence of any penalty which Comp. Caswell and those with him, who (in his own language) would 'FORCE' members to do so, can denounce against them. At any rate, our experience in New England shows this: suppose, Comp. C., you put that in your pipe and smoke it awhile.

"Then let him put in his pipe and smoke the fact that, within ten years under the force system in New York, full *one third of the entire lodge membership* has been put outside of the pale of Masonry for non-payment of dues! The total membership is about 70,000, and in ten years nearly 40,000 have been suspended for non-payment of dues. In Maine, our membership is about 20,000, and the number of cases of discipline for non-payment of dues in ten years does not reach 2,000, and the large majority of these are cases in which the party had left the jurisdiction.

"He says California law must govern in that jurisdiction; but when a Mason has been tried under Maine law, and his *status* fixed, it don't seem quite the thing to tell him, when he goes to California, 'Your Grand Lodge did not know the law, and though it holds that you are in good standing, yet if you had been tried in California, you would have been suspended, therefore we shall treat you as suspended from all your Masonic rights.' Would that be Masonic comity?"

We extract the following from the notice of "Nebraska.":—

"A resolution was adopted, 'That no one shall be elected High Priest of any subordinate chapter, who has not served one term as either King or Scribe.' 'Comp. Wheeler asked that an appeal be permitted, which was agreed to by a formal vote.'

"While the doctrine of the resolution is the reverse of the practice in the old chapters, and one of the innovations of modern Masonry made within about fifteen years, we do not see what there is to prevent a Grand Chapter from prescribing such a law to its subordinates, if it so chooses: and hence we are at a loss to discover the grounds of the appeal. As a *declaration* of Masonic law, it is erroneous; as a *regulation* of a Grand Chapter, it seems to us clearly within its power."

Also the following from "New York.":—

"Comp. Ogden wants to know by what right a decision, not appealed from, can be meddled with, and how an *acquittal* can be reversed.

"These seem to us to be pertinent questions. By our practice, every finding of a subordinate upon complaint is certified to the higher tribunal and then dealt with as the latter may think meet.

"But we have long entertained a lurking suspicion that when a companion has been tried by his lodge or chapter in proper form, and acquitted, that determination should be final, unless, upon appeal, a

new trial be granted. We cannot help thinking that our practice is so far wrong, and Comp. Ogden is so far right. * * *

"The Grand Chaplain (Rev. James B. Murray) delivered an address upon 'The Being and Attributes of God.' As hitherto, the orator derives his inspiration from strictly orthodox sources, and frowns upon any speculative attempt to go beyond those sources. The 'doctrine of evolution' is peculiarly objectionable, and he annihilates it in a few lines of denial.

"But, after all, what matters it whether we have come down from an angelic ancestry, that a few generations ago lost an earthly heritage upon the green plains between the rivers, or whether we have come up to the position we now occupy—the resultant of the long interaction of organisms and their surroundings; whether our ancestor was created from Asiatic dust, or was some nameless thing that tossed and pulsated upon the bosom of a primal sea. We are here, possessed of a reason that defines the duty we owe to God, our neighbor and ourselves—defines it alike, whether we derive our ethical teachings from the rolls of Hebrew literature, the sacred writings of the Bhudda, or the pages of Herbert Spencer."

And from "Vermont.":

"The neat little volume comes to us again in white, with the reverse of the title page blazoned with the arms of Chapter Masonry, supported by cherubim 'guardant.'

"We don't profess to be a very good judge of cherubs, but there is a singular inappropriateness in portraying the fierce guardians of the Temple with looks so child-like and bland.

"The exhumations of the buried cities of the East disclose a striking resemblance between the Semitic Temples. The same general plan is traceable throughout—of a series of chambers surrounding a central adytum or 'oracle,' of a porch before the House, and sometimes even of the mysterious pillars of the porch. The inner chambers of the Assyrian Temples were carved around with representations of the sacred tree and open flowers, and the extended wings of their symbolic guardians 'touched one another in the midst of the house.'

"Around the Israelitish oracle were the carved figures of trees and open flowers, and there, too, the symbolic keepers, with extended wings, maintained their sleepless vigil.

"Of the identity of or very close resemblance between the cherubim of Scripture and the native symbols of the Chaldean and Assyrian Temples, there can be but little doubt. The latter were mythic figures, combining the body of a bull, the wings of an eagle and the human head—symbolizing the mysterious forces of nature, long-enduring and unfailing, like the eagle's flight, and controlled by a guiding intelligence.

In the mythology of the Plain, they were the emblems of Nin, or Hercules, who occupied so high a position in the pantheon of Assyria as to divide the honors of Asshur and to give his name to the great city itself.

"In the Temple of Hercules—the Tyrian Malkarth—erected by the royal ally of Solomon, these symbols were no doubt conspicuous; and the Tyrian artist, in modeling the colossal guardians of the Temple, elaborated familiar designs, adding thereto a further symbolism of the

descriptions in the prophetic vision of Ezekiel that were other than ideal."

M. E. Comp. Joseph A. Locke, (Portland,) G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. Ira Berry, (Portland,) Grand Secretary.

MARYLAND.

The Eighty-fourth Annual Convocation was held at Baltimore, November 8th, 1881.

M. E. Comp. Ferdinand J. S. Gorgas, G. H. P.

From his excellent address we take the following:—

"How shall we enumerate the benefits derived from our revered institution? for it is well on such an occasion as the present to pass them in review.

"The acquisition of sincere and invaluable friends, pleasant associations, words of counsel which turned our feet into the way of peace, timely warnings which prevented indiscretions, friendly advice and admonition averting dangers against which our own prudence was vain to provide.

"Believe it not that friendship is only a name, and that all men act solely by self-interest. This is a vile creed, a slander on man, and true only to such as are themselves supremely selfish.

"Such create the atmosphere they breathe, and need not complain when they find it tainted. It is for each of us to show himself pure and friendly, and he will find all things comparatively pure and friendly around him.

"The Supreme High Priest always makes it so, and this is one, and not the least, of the blessings of them that reverence His Holy Name. If, at times, we come in contact unpleasantly with that dark selfish spirit beyond, or, in our Masonic intercourse, if some intrude upon us who have not been purified by the sublime precepts of the Royal Art, let it only show how much more precious is the 'true circle,' and let the whole bring forth a warmer thanksgiving.

"Man came from the hands of his Creator a noble being. He is noble still. As among the ruins of some ancient city, the gigantic column, the broad pedestal, the fragments of ponderous wall strewn along Egypt's stream, still tell of grandeur and glory departed; so the human soul shows that it is the ruin of a structure now fallen but once lofty.

"Man possesses a spirit, like Him who gave it, invisible, intelligent and immortal. The eye of Omnipotence is fixed upon his career; unseen beings minister to him; and bliss or woe beyond description crowns or curses his eternity.

"And this spirit of immortal destiny is clothed with a garment of dust; but dust moulded and fashioned with nerves and tendons, and bones, and arteries, for the purple tide of life, and its hundreds of muscles, all placed under the control of the indwelling spirit, as a machine of many wheels is placed under the control of the engineer.

"Capitular, even more than Symbolic Masonry, is founded upon the sublime truths recorded in the Sacred Scriptures, which, if we

may believe its traditionary cabala, it has been the means of preserving from utter destruction.

"There is nothing in all history more astonishing than the fact that the institutions of a small nation, far back in the twilight of antiquity, should not only be continued, but that they should be essentially influencing the legislation and usages of the whole of Christendom.

"It can be accounted for only by another fact that we, as Masons, recognize and believe: that God was the primary author of those institutions, and has controlled all the changes of human history. Men have observed a remarkable wisdom in the institutions of the Hebrew people. Some of them were intended to be temporary and binding only upon the nation which first received them, but even from the most temporary enactments of that period we can derive principles which may instruct us in all time. There is not a system of jurisprudence of any eminence in the civilized world, which has not been influenced by that of Moses. The profoundest lawyers and legislators the world has ever seen have acknowledged the excellence of that system.

"There is also nothing gloomy in their religion, for there was more heartfelt mirth in the Hebrew festivals than in all the riotous feasts and processions of Greece, and there is more sincere and joyous praise in the Hebrew Psalms than in all the literature of classic antiquity together.

"Our Royal Art informs us of the reverence and awe with which the name of God was invested among the children of Israel. Behold the leader of the emancipated hosts standing upon the rock in Horeb! A dense cloud descends and shrouds the mountain in its folds; the lightning gleams, and mighty thunders utter their voices. With uplifted hands and earnest heart, the prophet prays, 'I beseech Thee, show me Thy glory.' He longs for clearer conceptions of the unseen God. And the answer came. The Invisible 'bowed the heavens and came down,' and stood with him there and 'proclaimed the name of the Lord.' 'The Lord, the Lord God, merciful and gracious, abundant in goodness and in truth; forgiving iniquity, transgression and sin; but by no means clearing the guilty.' How sublime the Divine portraiture! Well might the awed seer 'make haste, and bow his head and worship.' And when the voice ceased, well might he come down into the valley with his countenance all radiant with the light of the celestial vision.

"We, too, can urge the prayer of Moses. We, too, can catch so near a view of the Divine perfections that our hearts shall bound and our faces become luminous with the ravishing sight. More than this; we may place our souls, like the metal tablets of the artist, full in the rays of the Shekinah till we catch the image of the Great Jehovah, and are ourselves 'changed into the same image from glory to glory.'"

He decided that a Chapter cannot remit the dues of those members who are able to pay, "as such action would be an injury to the Chapter, and also to the Grand Chapter." We agree. Those who are able to pay should pay, and the remission of dues should only be allowed to those Companions

who are really in need of the money for the support of themselves or their families. We have known of a case where the remission of dues of members who were well able to pay, was carried to such an extent that it became a serious injustice to other members, and caused considerable trouble and bitterness.

An amendment to the Constitution was adopted, providing that the Trustees for the Grand Chapter shall be chosen by the Grand High Priest, instead of being elected by ballot.

The following report and resolutions were adopted:—

“We concur with the M. E. Grand High Priest in condemning the remission of dues to a Companion who is able to pay them. The Chapter might as well donate money to a Companion who was not at all in need of charity.

“We commend the action of the M. E. Grand High Priest in directing the Janitor to admit none but Royal Arch Masons into the private rooms containing the paraphernalia of the Chapters.

“In conclusion, your Committee heartily commend the zeal and devotion to duty which has always characterized our M. E. Grand High Priest, in every Masonic office which he has held; and with sincere gratitude we can say to him, at the end of his term of service in the highest position we can bestow upon him, ‘well done, good and faithful servant.’

“RESOLVED, That a page of the proceedings of this Grand Chapter be set apart to the memory of each of our distinguished Companions, Albert G. Mackey, Past General Grand High Priest, and James Abram Garfield, twentieth President of the United States.

“RESOLVED, That the appointment of M. E. Companion H. Baxter Nicodemus, as the Representative of this Grand Chapter, near the Grand Chapter of Nebraska, be and the same is hereby confirmed.

“RESOLVED, That the Charter of Mount Vernon Royal Arch Chapter, No. 25, be and the same is hereby declared forfeited.”

The Report on Correspondence is by Comp. E. T. Schultz, and notices Canada for 1881. On non-affiliation, he says:—

“We do not admit that a non-affiliate is denied ‘visitation and intercourse,’ nor do we admit that a non-affiliate is denied the right of asking for assistance, he may not have the legal right perhaps to *demand* charity from the Lodge or Chapter funds, but he has just as much claim for assistance from the individual brother as the affiliate; he may not have the right to *demand* Masonic burial, but the brethren can and do bury worthy non-affiliates with the honors of Masonry, and which they would not do to one who had been suspended or expelled for unmasonic conduct; these are some of the rights and privileges of the non-affiliate, and which in our opinion cannot be taken from him, any regulation of Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter to the

contrary, notwithstanding. And why? Because the ancient regulations do not insist that membership in a particular Lodge is *necessary* to good standing in the fraternity. It is well known that in many of the older jurisdictions one can apply for and receive the degrees of Masonry, and yet never be a member of a Lodge.

“Read the old forms of petition, and you will find that the mysteries of Freemasonry alone are petitioned for—not one word as to membership in a Lodge.

“While we admit the old regulations say a brother ought to belong to some Lodge, yet we think there is no power whatever that can compel him to do so; and while we admit, also, that there are some privileges denied to a non-affiliate, we will, so long as we have voice, protest against the modern ideas that a non-affiliate *has no rights whatever*, and that one for the *failure* to pay dues can be placed upon a level with one expelled for gross unmasonic conduct.”

M. E. Comp. William F. Cochran, (Baltimore,) G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. George L. McCahan, (Baltimore,) Grand Secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS.

At a Quarterly Convocation held on June 7th, 1881, the following Report of the Committee on the neglect of the use of the Mark, was adopted:—

“In their opinion, the use of the Mark is of the highest importance; and in common with many of their associates, they have regretted the neglect which has prevailed during the past few years. In their visits to Chapters in this as well as other jurisdictions, they have occasionally found a Chapter with a complete ‘Book of Marks,’ and it has never failed to interest and impress them. Your Committee do not consider any positive instruction requisite in this matter, but would suggest that the M. E. G. H. Priest should instruct his Deputies to present this subject to each Chapter at their official visitations, and earnestly urge the Chapters which have neglected the use of the Mark to arrange for the revival of this appendix to the Mark Master Mason’s Degree; thereby carrying out the sense of the Ritual, and at the same time creating a volume full of interest, which will increase in value with each year.”

The Eighty-first Annual Convocation was held at Boston, December 13th, 1881.

M. E. Comp. Thomas Waterman, G. H. P.

The work was exemplified in all the degrees during the first day of the session, and the evening was devoted to business.

Full reports were presented by the District Deputies, showing that the Chapters are in good condition, and nearly

all supplied with a Book of Marks, which they will keep up in the future.

The business transacted was entirely local.

The Report on Correspondence is again by Comp. J. W. Dadmun, and is as excellent as usual, full of interest and information.

Canada for 1881 receives kindly mention.

Comp. Dadmun takes up the cudgels on our behalf, on the question of punishment for non-payment of dues. In reply to some remarks of Comp. Warren, of Nebraska, on our position, he says:—

“This is a fair argument, and we will meet it in the same spirit. Our Companions of Nebraska have the right to ‘declare who may be admitted’ as visitors; *provided* they do not make that declaration on the ground that every Mason outside of their jurisdiction, who does not conform to their laws, is not in good standing. Each Grand Lodge must fix the status of its own members, and that status must be accepted throughout the Masonic world, or the *universality* of Masonry is destroyed. If a Grand Lodge should remove one of the acknowledged landmarks of the institution, in fixing the status of its members, it would voluntarily put itself outside of the pale of Masonry, and be treated accordingly,—as France is treated.

“When Companions of Nebraska or any other jurisdiction declare, by implication or by interpretation, that a Mason in Massachusetts, ‘discharged for non-payment of dues’ or ‘excluded from membership,’ is not in good standing in the fraternity, they interfere with the jurisdictional rights of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and thereby violate one of the landmarks of Freemasonry. Our jurisdiction is too ripe with age, its numbers are too numerous, and its Masonic jurists are too well known to allow it without an earnest and decided protest. More anon. He sums up his views as follows:—

“‘So it seems that Comp. Larnier is also one of those who cannot see the distinction (there is no difference, in our opinion) between ‘suspension from membership’ and ordinary suspension. The questions underlying all this discussion are:—

“‘1. Is non payment of dues a *Masonic offence* ?

“‘2. If yea, is it in the power of any Grand Chapter to declare that the Companion under discipline therefor is in good standing?

“‘3. If a Grand Chapter does so declare, are other jurisdictions bound to accept the status given the delinquent at home, when their own regulations declare such delinquents ineligible to visit?

“‘Our answers to our own questions would be ‘yes’ to the first, and ‘no’ to the other two.’

“The sophistry of this argument lies principally in one word,—‘*offence*,’—and in the sense in which that word is used. Comp. Warren uses the word ‘offence’ in the sense of crime, and not misdemeanor or delinquency. Hence every deviation from *any* rule in a Lodge, by

a member thereof, is pronounced by him a Masonic crime, and that the offender should be punished with suspension or expulsion from all Masonic rights. This is the inevitable logic of his position; and our answer to his first question is, No; non-payment of dues is not, *ipso facto*, a Masonic 'offence' or crime.

"To be sure that we do not misunderstand him, mark what he says:—'There is no difference, in our opinion, between suspension from membership and ordinary suspension;' which is equivalent to saying that the word 'suspension' cannot be limited or qualified in its meaning. This is absurd on the face of it. The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts says (see Digest of Masonic Law,) 'When the word 'suspension' is used alone, it is understood to refer to the rights and privileges of Masonry, and not to membership in a Lodge.' And the same distinction is recognized in the General Grand Bodies of all the grades.

"In modern legislation on this subject, two mistakes are made: one is in making every misdemeanor, or delinquency in the payment of dues, a Masonic crime; and the other is inflicting capital punishment for all offences. Suspension from all the rights of Masonry is Masonic death for the time being, and an indefinite suspension is equivalent to expulsion. In a fraternal notice of our report for 1879, Comp. Warren says, 'We should say that a suspension for any cause works forfeiture of all Masonic rights.' Then, of course, any delinquency in the payment of dues must be a Masonic crime, and suspension therefore must work forfeiture of Masonic life. Does a conviction for debt in the civil courts of Nebraska work forfeiture of life, and is this great charitable institution of Freemasonry more *uncharitable* than civil institutions? We think not.

"His main point, however, seems to be that a Mason 'under discipline for non-payment of dues is not in good standing.' What constitutes good standing? Obedience to the regulations of the Grand Lodge within whose jurisdiction we may reside. How long may we remain in good standing? Until our Grand Lodge pronounces us not to be in good standing. In New York the Grand Chapter has just declared that an unaffiliated Mason is not in good standing, 'being under certain disabilities,' but the Grand Lodge says he *is* in good standing for at least twelve months, and no edict of any other body can deprive him of his good standing. Every Grand Lodge must determine that question for all Master Masons within its own jurisdiction.

"Now we will answer him from a Massachusetts standpoint. A Mason under discipline for non-payment of dues is not in good standing in his local relations to his Lodge, but he is in good standing in his general relations to the Grand Lodge. Why? Our Grand Regulations say that a brother 'suspended from membership is a *quasi* member, without any of the privileges or benefits of membership. He may, however, visit other Lodges, or seek Masonic relief through other channels. His more general privileges as a Mason still remain unimpaired.' Keep in mind that our law makes a distinction between Masonic rights and Lodge rights, between Masonic crime and Lodge offence or delinquency for non payment of dues; and that no Lodge can suspend a Masonic rights for non-payment of dues. You may not like it, but that does not alter the fact.

"Our Grand Lodge determines the good standing of every Master Mason within its jurisdiction, and prescribes that only for Masonic

crime, after due trial and conviction therefor, can any one be deprived of his Masonic right and his good standing. And the law is based upon a proper, natural, and common sense distinction between delinquency and crime. Comp. Warren must see and accept that distinction, or fight against nature, reason, and revelation, human and divine.

"Well, my 'good fellow,' we will see you later and go you—better.

"Comp. Warren has kindly sent us, to-day, an advanced copy of his report for December, 1881. As we have nearly completed our report, we must defer a full review until 1882. It is appropriate, however, that we should notice, at this time, three postulates which he adds to the questions we have just answered, and which he considers self-evident. They are as follows, and we will answer them *seriatim*:—

"1. Every Mason in *good standing* is upon an absolute equality with every other as to the number and extent of his Masonic rights.'

"That cannot be true in the light of good Masonic law and usage. One Mason may not be a member of any Lodge, and still be in as good standing as another who is a member; and yet we all know that they are not on 'an absolute equality as to the number and extent of their Masonic rights.' For example: A voluntary non-affiliate in New York and Nebraska is in good standing for twelve months, and in Massachusetts and some other States for an indefinite length of time; but in either State he does not have the 'number of Masonic rights' which an affiliated Mason has,—understanding him to include Lodge rights in Masonic rights.

"2. A Mason suspended from membership is deprived of one or more of his Masonic rights.'

"This postulate is also faulty. Which rights? *General* rights acquired by initiation? or *local* rights acquired by affiliation? Suspension, or discharge from membership, in Massachusetts, deprives a Mason of his *Lodge* rights only, not one of his general rights being taken from him; and he cannot be deprived of his Masonic rights, only on conviction of Masonic crime. Non-payment of dues is not a Masonic crime, according to ancient Masonic usage.

"The meaning of 'suspended Mason' in the Masonic covenant is one suspended from *all* his Masonic rights. He may not be in possession of any rights except those acquired by initiation; and you cannot take away one of those, and not the whole. A dimitted brother surrenders his *Lodge* rights only; if instead of taking a dimit, he had been 'discharged for non-payment of dues,' he would be an *in-voluntary* non-affiliated Mason. Failure to pay a few dollars of quar-terages may, by vote of Lodge, work forfeiture of *Lodge* privileges, but not *good standing in the fraternity*.

"Comp. Warren will now see the *effect* of the penalty for non-payment of dues in Massachusetts; and that in stating his first and second postulates, he has *begged the question in discussion*, and therefore the following deduction falls harmlessly to the ground:

"3. Since the whole is greater than any number less than all of the parts, one suspended from membership is not in good standing.'

"In reply to another point, he says: 'The question is not, 'What is the proper penalty,' but what is the *effect* of the punishment when inflicted? Upon what *should be* the penalty, we may not differ so much; but upon the *status* of one under discipline, we don't agree.

"Having fully defined the '*status* of one under discipline,' we

remark: that in arguing the *effect*, we think it is perfectly logical to introduce the collateral bearing of the *propriety* of it; or if you please, the 'fitness of things.' An *unjust* penalty, we claim, is clearly an *un-masonic* penalty, and should be discarded. Comp. Warren must sur-rendered the notion that 'suspension can have but one meaning in Masonry,' or be convinced of contradicting a historical fact.

"But we must pass. If our Companions will take Massachusetts law as it is, and show us wherein it contradicts a single fundamental principle in ancient *Masonic* jurisprudence, they will write thereon to some purpose."

M. E. Comp. Albert C. Smith, (26 Tremont St., Boston,) G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. Zeph. H. Thomas, (Box 46, Cambridgeport,) Grand Secretary.

MICHIGAN.

The Thirty-third Annual Convocation was held at Flint, January 17th, 1882.

M. E. Comp. Charles H. Axtell, G. H. P.

On "Work," he says:—

"I am sorry to be obliged to inform you that there is still confusion in this Grand Jurisdiction over the G. Omnic or R. A. W.

"I was in hopes that the exemplification given one year ago by Past Grand High Priest Sawyer and the explanation given by him and Past Grand High Priest McCurdy, which was accepted as the work of this Grand Chapter after the most thorough and exhaustive discussion, would be understood and accepted as such by every chapter in this State, especially as the action of this Grand Chapter at that time was plainly in compliance with positive instructions received from General Grand Chapter, and therefore as plainly binding on this Grand Chapter, and equally binding upon every Royal Arch Mason in this State bearing allegiance to the General Grand Chapter. But I regret to say that such is not the case, and therefore would recommend that some action be taken by this Grand Chapter by which we may be able to bring order out of this confusion."

We also copy some of his decisions:—

"At a regular convocation of our chapter there were present eight members of the chapter and one non-affiliate. The chapter proceeded to ballot upon the petition of a candidate.

"Question—Was the action of the chapter legal?

"Answer—No. (See Section 44, Article III., General Grand Constitution.) 'For all purposes, except opening and closing a chapter and conferring degrees, nine members of the chapter are necessary to constitute a quorum.'

"During the month of February last I had some correspondence with the officers of a chapter in this jurisdiction, touching the rights and prerogatives of the High Priest of a chapter upon the question of

recording the proceedings of the chapter ; and without entering upon the details of the case, will simply give the substance and the jurisprudence growing out of it, viz.: At a regular convocation of the chapter a resolution was offered to appropriate a certain sum out of the funds of the chapter for the purpose of procuring a Past High Priest's Jewel for the outgoing High Priest. The motion to adopt was lost. At the next regular convocation the above action of the chapter not appearing in the minutes, a motion was made to correct them accordingly, when the High Priest stated that he had instructed the Secretary not to record it.

" Question—Had the High Priest the right to instruct the Secretary to omit the above action of the chapter ?

" 2. On a motion to so amend the records as to show the above action of the chapter, had the High Priest the right to refuse to entertain said motion ?

" To the first point I answer as follows, viz: No The fact that the corrections of the minutes when read is submitted to the chapter for its approval, pre-supposes the right of the chapter to decide upon that point ; were it otherwise, our minutes would be worthless except to indicate the personal views and will of the High Priest.

" If the High Priest has this right the converse is also true, and he would be equally authorized to order the Secretary to exclude a vote for a jewel or anything else. If chapters want to appear well in their records, it must appear through their actions—not by smothering them.

" To the second proposition I also answer: No. If the High Priest has no right to order the exclusion, which seems very clear, then he certainly had no right to refuse to have the records so corrected.

" We have two brothers who have taken the Mark, Past and Most Excellent degrees. One of them wishes to go to Leadville next month, and wants to take the Royal Arch Degree before going.

" Question—Can we substitute a companion to make out the team ?

" Answer—No. [See last clause Section 5, Article X, Grand Constitution]

" Question—Can a chapter reconsider at their regular meeting, a resolution passed and recorded at the preceding meeting ?

" Answer—Yes."

There were no appeals, the Craft being in a prosperous and harmonious condition.

One new chapter was formed.

The following was adopted :—

" WHEREAS, Companion J. Eastman Johnson was, during several succeeding years, the Secretary and Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence of this Grand Chapter, whose long life of service and silvered locks betoken him as a veteran in our Order ; and remindful of his faithful efforts in behalf of Capitular Masonry, and desirous of testifying our veneration and regard for our esteemed companion ; therefore, be it

" RESOLVED, That Companion J. Eastman Johnson be and is hereby declared an honorary member of this Grand Chapter."

The Report on Correspondence is by the Grand Secretary, and notices Canada for 1881.

On the general Grand Bodies, he says :—

“We deprecate the formation of what is known as the General Grand Council, for it is simply another great body which must fail of any and every practical good, and must ere long take its stand side by side with the General Grand Chapter, as a body having no power, simply an asylum for office-making.”

“Oh, for a General Grand Chapter possessed of some power, or the doing away with it entirely. We are tired of paying tribute to sustain a body that has not dignity enough to sustain itself.”

M. E. Comp. William S. Turck, (Alma,) G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. William P. Innes, (Grand Rapids,) Grand Secretary.

MINNESOTA.

The Twentieth Annual Convocation was held at St. Paul, October 11th, 1881.

M. E. Comp. W. G. Bronson, G. H. P.

He issued Dispensations for two new Chapters.

On the Ritual, he has this to say:—

“At the last session of this Grand Body, the matter of the promulgation of the Ritual, as adopted at the last Triennial at Detroit, was placed in the hands of the Grand Council. After much delay I was in a position to be instructed, and have, so far as time and opportunity would permit, imparted such knowledge to the subordinate Chapters. Perfect uniformity in work is not to be attained, nor am I among those who believe it absolutely essential or desirable. So long as the manner of communicating the *secret work* of the degrees and the *manner of recognition* is uniform, this is all that I believe to be necessary.”

The Proceedings are brief, and call for no special comment.

The Report on Correspondence is by Comp. A. T. C. Pier-son. Canada for 1881 receives a favorable notice.

In his review of Iowa, we find the following:—

“In Minnesota each Grand Body has a Grand Registry made up from the returns of subordinates, showing the name, age, birthplace, occupation, residence, date of receiving the various degrees or orders; in case of affiliates, from what body dimitted; of each of the members, the changes that occur by withdrawal, death, etc., are reported and recorded; the status of every Mason in the State can thus be told by a moment's inspection of the Grand Registry; a brother, too, can

be traced, should occasion require. Very many instances of rare interest has resulted from this system of registry—one of recent occurrence. An orphan boy living with a ——— man, by whom he was half starved, scantily clad, made to do chores without shoes in the coldest winter weather, beaten and abused, said to a neighbor's boy: 'If the Masons only knew, they would not allow me to be thus abused.' This was repeated to a man not a Mason, but one who had often remonstrated at the treatment, and who happened to know the then Grand Master; the records were examined, the name of the father was found registered as dead some seven years previous; the Lodge was visited, and although there were no members present who remembered the father, yet action was immediately taken, an attorney employed and the boy rescued, property was found, and the fellow made to disgorge; in a distant State, through correspondence with Lodges, an uncle of the boy, the mother's brother, was found, with whom was living a brother and sister, who had long mourned their brother as dead, and the orphan children were united.

"One such instance is an ample recompense for the troubles and expenses of keeping up a register."

M. E. Comp. O. G. Miller, (St. Paul,) G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. A. T. C. Pierson, (St. Paul,) Grand Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI.

The Thirty-Fourth Annual Convocation was held at Jackson, February 6th, 1882.

M. E. Comp. Frederic Speed, G. H. P.

In the annual address, he says:—

"AN OBSTACLE TO FORMATION OF NEW CHAPTERS.

"I recommend that the General Grand Chapter be petitioned to change the law so as to permit a member of a Chapter to become a petitioner for a dispensation for a new Chapter, without dimission from his Chapter. In a large and thinly settled State, such as this is, it sometimes occurs that a new Chapter may be organized at a point where there is an abundance of material upon which for it to thrive, without there being as many as nine resident Royal Arch Masons. If a Companion's zeal is such that he is willing to put himself to the inconvenience of going a long distance to attend the meetings of the new Chapter, there seems to be no valid reason why he should not be permitted to do so without losing his membership in the Chapter under whose jurisdiction he resides or in which he holds membership. If such had been the law, a Chapter would now have a flourishing existence at Greenville, in Washington county, whereas it has been held back for several years owing to a lack of the requisite number to form a Chapter, although several Companions would have gladly assisted but for the law which requires dimission before joining in a petition for a new Chapter. Of course such a law would have to be accompanied with a proviso that all the petitioners, who are not dimitted, should be members of a Chapter in the jurisdiction in which such new Chapter is to be formed.

"PRESENT SYSTEM OF INSTRUCTION.

"Our present system of supervising our Subordinates and in imparting to them Masonic instruction, is crude and ineffective, and needs revision. The Grand Lecturer visits such Chapters as desire instruction in the ritual, and this only when he is sent for and arrangements are made for his compensation. The consequence is, the whole matter is in the hands of the chapters themselves, and many of them have not received an official visitation from any one in authority over them in many years. It is not so much mere instruction in the ritual which is needed; indeed I regard that as of secondary importance. A man of the business tact and ability of our Grand Secretary, without any particular knowledge of the ritual, would accomplish incalculably more good by an examination of the records and methods of transacting business and caring for the finances of a Chapter, than a score of accomplished ritualists, who devote their efforts only to a propagation of the work could; for, I take it, no Chapter which is fully up to the requirements in other respects would be likely to go very far astray in the matter of the work. Strict uniformity of work is a utopian dream and notwithstanding the most strenuous exertions, never has been and never will be realized, while substantial uniformity accomplishes every desirable purpose. I am the more fully impressed with this conviction, by the fact that although less than a century has passed since the American Royal Arch Work was substantially manufactured out of whole cloth, and every effort has been made by the General Grand Chapter to secure uniformity, there is a divergence from the standard in almost every jurisdiction. I believe if there were less time spent in attempting to secure exactitude in ritual, and more given to procuring uniformity in methods of conducting business and in the care and disposition of the funds of Chapters, a perceptible improvement would result. But if we are still to continue 'jogging along in the same old rut,' I suggest that some arrangement be entered into with the Grand Lodge, whereby the same person should hold the office of Grand Lecturer in both bodies, each contributing its proportion of salary and expense, and that the Grand Lecturer devote his entire time to the work, visiting each Lodge and Chapter and remaining with them until the work and lectures are fully acquired."

The roll of Grand Representatives having been called, written and verbal reports were submitted by Companions representing sixteen Grand Jurisdictions. All these reports were interesting, and were "evidently enjoyed" by the Grand Chapter, and the Grand High Priest made appropriate response.

Comp. P. M. Savery reports on Correspondence, and reviews our proceedings for 1881,

M. E. Comp. William Richards, (Satartia,) G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. J. L. Power, (Jackson,) Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI.

The Thirty-fourth Annual Convocation was held at St. Louis, May 5th, 1881.

M. E. Comp. James E. Cadle, G. H. P.

He issued dispensations for three new chapters.

We are glad to notice the following :—

“Several applications for permission to report on petitions out of time were made, to enable parties to receive the Commandery degrees and attend the Grand Conclave at Chicago, as Knights Templar. Not considering this an emergency, I declined to grant them.”

The following amendment to the rules was adopted :

“No chapter shall receive the petition of a rejected applicant for the degrees until six months shall have elapsed from the date of his rejection.

“Rejected applicants for membership may petition at any succeeding stated meeting of any chapter.”

This Grand Chapter has become incorporated under the State laws, as a benevolent and charitable society, which is a proceeding of which we do not approve.

The following was adopted :—

“RESOLVED, That in any case where the charter of any chapter under this jurisdiction may be revoked, the Grand Secretary may, at the request of any member of such chapter, and upon being satisfied that the applicant was a member in good standing at the time of the revocation of the charter of such chapter, grant such applicant a dimit under the seal of the Grand Chapter; *provided*, that the applicant shall accompany his application for a dimit with a certificate from a lodge that the applicant is a member thereof, and shall state in his application the amount of dues, as near as he can ascertain the same, that he was owing at the time of the revocation of the charter of his chapter, and shall pay such dues to the Grand Secretary before such dimit shall issue.”

The report on Correspondence is by the Grand Secretary. Canada for 1880 receives due attention.

Comp. Mayo treats us to a novelty in his table of proceedings reviewed. He gives the date at which the annual meeting was held, the date at which the printed proceedings reached his office, and the number of pages in the pamphlet. Our meeting was held on July 16, 1880, the printed proceedings reached his office on the 21st August, and the number of pages is given at 207. We compare very favor-

ably with the other Grand Chapters in this particular, standing third on the list in point of shortness of time in getting out our proceedings. Vermont takes the palm, with a pamphlet of 134 pages out in 19 days. Louisiana is next, out in 35 days, but as they have only 48 pages, we are fairly entitled to the second place. Comp. Mayo then says:—

“We have compiled the foregoing table to show our readers the time it takes each jurisdiction to issue its publications, and to show some of the difficulties Correspondents have to contend with, who try to review all the Grand Chapters for a given year and complete statistics for the same. We see no good reason why a Grand Chapter should be from June 1st, 1880, to May 26th, 1881; another, from December 7th, 1880, to April 25th, 1881; another, from October 5th, 1880, to January 6th, 1881, in getting their printed proceedings into the hands of those entitled to them, while one Grand Chapter is from June 11th to 30th, 1880; another, from May 11th to June 19th, 1880, in issuing theirs. Most of them are about ninety days, very few less than sixty, in reaching the points of destination.

“What would our companions think of the publishers of a daily or weekly paper or monthly magazine proportionately slow in reaching its subscribers?

“The proceedings of Missouri have usually reached their destination from twenty to forty days after the close of each meeting. On this occasion, they have been delayed from twenty to forty days, in order to complete this table and review of all Grand Chapters, and yet we have failed in making a clean sweep.

“We think that this table will surprise some of our Companion Grand Secretaries, and hope it will cause them to rise and explain the whys and wherefores. We confess that a careful examination of the table surprises us, as it shows that the smallest jurisdictions, those who have no report on correspondence and whose pamphlets number only a few pages, are generally slowest about making their appearance.”

M. E. Comp. Samuel H. Owens, (California,) G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. William H. Mayo, (St. Louis,) Grand Secretary.

The Thirty-fifth Annual Convocation was held at St. Louis, May 4th, 1882.

The hall, the Grand High Priest's chair, and his portrait were appropriately draped in mourning, in consequence of the death of the Grand High Priest, Comp. Samuel H. Owens, while in office. He died on the 22nd February, 1882, loved and honored by all.

The Deputy Grand High Priest, Comp. Erwin Ellis, assumed the duties of his chief. He issued dispensations for two new chapters, and he reports the Craft in a prosperous condition.

The Grand Lecturer says :—

"It gives me great pleasure to state, from personal observation—from the reports of District Lecturers, and from extended enquiry—that nearly all the chapters in the jurisdiction are in fair working order, and a large number in splendid condition. Several, perhaps ten or twelve, are in a very backward state, chiefly owing to want of zeal on the part of the members, but also, in part, to having too small a jurisdiction and consequently too little material to work on."

The following resolution was adopted :—

"RESOLVED, That hereafter the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence shall prepare, and cause to be printed, his report, ready for distribution at least ten days before the annual convocation of the Grand Chapter, and shall cause a copy thereof to be sent to each member of the Grand Chapter, not a representative from a subordinate chapter, and one copy to each subordinate chapter; and such report shall be subject to amendment by the Grand Chapter before being printed with the proceedings."

Canada for 1881 is noticed by Comp. Mayo.

M. E. Comp. Erwin Ellis, (Lebanon,) G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. William H. Mayo, (St. Louis,) Grand Secretary.

NEBRASKA.

The Fourteenth Annual Convocation was held at Lincoln, December 20th, 1881.

M. E. Comp. H. Baxter Nicodemus, G. H. P.

He congratulates the Companions upon the harmony prevailing, and the prosperity that has attended their efforts during the past year. He issued dispensations for two new Chapters.

The following report was adopted, except that part referring to the dispensations of the Grand High Priest:—

"Your committee on Charters and Dispensations would further report:

"1. We approve the action of the Grand High Priest in his course in arresting the charter of Ashland Chapter, No. 12, and recommend that said chapter be declared extinct.

"2. We do not approve the issuing of dispensations 'to receive and act upon petitions in less than the constitutional time,' or 'without regard to time.'

"Article IV, Sections 1 and 3, are peremptory, and should be strictly followed while they remain a part of the fundamental law.

"We recommend that some amendment to our constitution be made whereby authority shall be given the Grand High Priest to issue dispensations for such purposes, but under restrictions as to fees therefor, etc."

It was decided not to have Biennial Sessions of the Grand Chapter.

Comp. Edwin F. Warren has a capital report on Correspondence.

Under "Arkansas," he says:—

"Some foolish companions had insisted on their right to attend their lodge rigged out in their chapter clothing, and seem to have appealed to the Grand High Priest to sustain them. He very properly told them that he did not pretend to prescribe how *Master Masons* shall be clothed when sitting in lodge, but we presume he *would* have expressed an opinion had some companion seated himself in the chapter halls wearing chapeau, sword, gauntlets, etc.

On the address of Comp. Spry, in 1881, he very pertinently observes:—

"The address is a short business paper, setting forth his official acts. He granted no dispensations for new chapters, but issued dispensations 'to install as Z.:, not having served as W.:M.: four times; 'to install as Z.:, not having served as H.:, three times, and to install as H.:, not having served as J.:, three times. In other words he overrode the constitution he had promised to support, *ten times*, because he deemed it best, no doubt, for he assigns no reasons. This is analogous to *dispensing* with the proposed amendment of Companion Allen, if it shall be adopted; requiring previous service as King or Scribe to be eligible as High Priest. We oppose such a rule,—think it foolish and unnecessary, but if it is the law it should be obeyed, and so perhaps, rendered obnoxious. Is a grand Z. *above* the law?"

He quotes some of our remarks, and then says:—

"We do not differ then, Companion Robertson, about the *right* and *power* of a Grand Chapter to pass such resolutions, and in your opinion it seems to resolve itself into a question of expediency whether it is wise to so legislate as to provoke 'retaliatory measures.' But we do not think there is any principle of 'inter-jurisdictional Masonic custom' involved, nor do we think that, *ex necessitate*, a brother's standing at home in all cases is *conclusive* of his standing abroad. For instance, we would not have admitted into our Chapters those Manitoba companions who had been expelled by their Grand Lodge for rebellion, as was done by Canada. And, by the way, in the case of those same companions, did not our Canadian craftsmen act incon-

sistently? *At home* they were expelled; *abroad* (in Canada) they were received as in good standing.

"We will ask Companion Robertson two questions that we propounded to Companions Schultz and Drummond, as yet unanswered, and ask fair consideration thereof:—

"1. Is it competent for any Grand Lodge of Masons to declare that a Mason suspended for unmasonic conduct in its jurisdiction is in good standing, notwithstanding the judgment and sentence?

"2. Is it competent for any Grand Lodge to declare that a *forced* non-affiliate, 'stricken from the rolls' because of non-payment of dues, is in good standing?

"And we invite Companion Robertson's attention to what we said thereon under Maine and Maryland, in our review of 1880. Companion Robertson says: 'We decline to *punish* for non-payment of dues with the same severity,' etc., but the whole point is, Companion Robertson, that you *do* 'PUNISH' therefor, and so concede. Now *any* sentence that is not ended at once (*e. g.* reprimand) leaves the person undergoing the same under punishment, and hence not in good standing while it continues.

"If you wish to discuss the question of the penalty that ought to be affixed to non-payment of dues, we can do so, or could, only we differ so little, according to Companion Robertson's statement of his position, but it is foreign to the matter under discussion now, which is, what is the *effect*, as to his Masonic standing, of being in the position of undergoing *any* punishment for dereliction or infraction of duty.

"He tells us that the sturdy fight he made over the 'Canada heresy' of chapter independence was only because it was a provision in his Grand Chapter's Constitution that he considered himself bound to defend loyally; that his own judgment was against its wisdom, and that he introduced the new section above quoted. All right. If he can so ably sustain a position he does not believe in, he can never be overborne when he believes himself in the right."

As to Comp. Warren's two questions, above given, we have not time now to discuss them. We presume that as a Grand Lodge is all-powerful in its own jurisdiction, as to masonic matters, it may declare anything it chooses, so that, strictly speaking, the answers to both questions should be in the affirmative. If, however, Comp. Warren wants to know if such declarations would not be anomalous, we have no hesitation in saying that a member of a lodge who is suspended for unmasonic conduct, or one who is stricken from the rolls for non-payment of dues, is not in good masonic standing.

The conclusion of Comp. Warren's report is well worthy of preservation. He also "drops into poetry permiscuous."

"At the end of this our third annual 'round up' we find almost all our thoroughbreds are within the 'corral,' and those that are still at large we hope to catch and 'brand' before our last manu-

script goes to the printers. We have greatly enjoyed our labors. Though some of our stock has been a little wild and untamed, when we could not get along easily we have not hesitated 'to take the bull by the horns,'—to carry out our simile,—and whether we have been tossed without landing upon our feet, another year's proceedings will show.

"Last year, so this: the two principal topics under discussion, and about which there continues to be great disagreement, we find to be the vexed questions of the meaning and effect of 'suspension from membership,' as practiced in Maine and Massachusetts, and that of the merger of the cryptic and capitular systems.

"Upon the former topic we have decided opinions, which will be found scattered through the foregoing pages, supported by the best arguments we can adduce. We propounded several queries last year to the supporters of this '*ancient*' (?) heresy, that have remained unanswered. We have reiterated herein, and challenge our opponents to meet us fairly on the issue involved. No one will be more ready to admit his error, if it shall be demonstrated we are in error.

"Upon the 'C. and C. union,' we must confess we are somewhat disgusted, and inclined to cry out '*cui bono?*' The council degrees are beautiful and historically valuable, but the majority, or even any considerable number, of Royal Arch Masons are not sufficiently interested therein to 'take' them, even when offered *gratis*. This being so, it seems to us folly, or worse, to quarrel over the regularity of the bodies conferring them, or to talk about what a General Grand Council will do in the barren field of Cryptic Masonry, or about what Grand Chapters should do to 'vindicate' their authority or jurisdiction.

"But we have *merged*, and on that rock we stand. So long as our Grand Chapter assumes jurisdiction over that field, we shall defend it, not on the ground of *law*, but *policy*. For the last twenty years or more the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter has pointed out what degrees it 'recognized.' By fair legal inference all others were excluded; we cannot gainsay that, and so, for ourselves individually, we concede to the anti-mergers the weight of the *legal* argument, and the strength of the *legal* position. The new Constitution of the General Chapter contains precisely the same clause, and that body also expressly ignored jurisdiction. Those opposed to the union say: 'That settles it, the G. G. Chapter distinctly says it will have nothing to do with them;' but since that is precisely what it has said for a quarter of a century, since there were different constructions put upon it before, so there are diverse opinions now, and we claim we are right in saying that the General Grand Chapter *settled nothing* anent this question, at its last Convocation at Detroit.

"The hopes, aspirations and designs of the General Grand Council may be appropriately summed up in 'Dead Sea Flowers,' and as 'poetry' is at a premium in the M. A. S., and several of its bards have been choked off by lack of funds, and others have become too sensitive to trot out their Pegasus, we will here introduce (and immortalize, as Companion Hammond says,) a few lines, which we dedicate to the GENERAL GRAND COUNCIL.

DEAD SEA FLOWERS.

They tell us, in the land our Savior trod,
There stands a lake with waters cursed of God.

No bird above its surface wings its way,
 No fish within its stagnant waters play.
 A dread malaria poisons all the air,
 Yet on its shores grow fruits and flowers fair.
 Seen from afar they added beauty gain,
 In magic sweetness blossom on the plain.
 Nor beast nor bird their fragrance ever sips,
 They turn to dust and ashes on the lips;
 Choking and faint the wretched traveller lies,
 And sees the mocking fruit before his eyes.
 Thus Tantalus, his burning thirst to lave,
 With eager longing courts the fickle wave;
 Stretches his hand to pluck the luscious fruit,
 But swaying boughs elude his vain pursuit.
 So Hope, with fairy fingers, beckons on
 In search of fleeting joys that never come.
 Or, if the bauble we have sought, we clasp,
 Behold! 'tis dust and emptiness we grasp.
 The flowers beside our pathway lose their hues—
 Altho' with tears they're watered, not with dews,
 The trusting hand is pierced with cruel thorn,
 And loving hearts are smitten sore with scorn.
 The faded garland is no longer pressed,
 We loathe the thing that lies upon our breast;
 Its treacherous beauty bloomed but to ensnare,
For Dead Sea Flowers are false as they are fair."

M. E. Comp. Samuel P. Davidson, (Tecumseh,) G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. Willian R. Bowen, (Omaha,) Grand Secretary.

NEVADA.

The Eighth Annual Convocation was held at Virginia,
 June 13th, 1881.

M. E. Comp. Frank Bell, G. H. P.

He reports that although the past year has been one of depression in business matters throughout this jurisdiction, yet the chapters have been prosperous beyond his expectations.

Among the Grand Representatives received, we find Comp. Samuel W. Chubbuck, from our Grand Chapter. We copy the words of welcome, and the reply:—

"Companion Representatives:

"In behalf of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Nevada, I bid you most hearty welcome.

"The duty that falls upon me at this moment would indeed be pleasing could I couch its performance in sentences suitable. And in order that I may, in the discharge of that duty, utter words not alto-

gether inappropriate to the occasion, it would seem proper to consider what is the significance of this ceremonial. Is it mere *form*, ceremony, show? If so, it is mere *sham*; and, in my judgment, has no reason for its existence, and although existing, it were 'better honored in the breach than in its observance.' For are we not taught that all the forms and ceremonies through which we pass in any branch or division of Masonry, from the moment when our feet first cross the threshold of the Entered Apprentice Lodge to the time when we go forth panoplied in all the armor of the Royal Craft, have peculiar significance, and that to them important lessons are attached? Often it is said that Masonry is a science of symbols. It is symbolism. It teaches great moral truths by means of natural objects and the similarity of relations. This is admitted. But I think I may, with something more than the 'courage of ignorance,' venture to say that, when properly viewed, it teaches more than this. It teaches a broader generalization, to wit, that all science and all truth reaches the human mind through the means and medium of natural objects and their acts and relations. Briefly and inadequately expressed, we live in a dual universe. The framework of the universe, of which the intellect of man forms so important a part, is, *first*, the rocks, hills, rivers *et id omne* that are without him, and, *second*, that which is within him, his thought, his soul, his consciousness. The one is the exact counterpart of the other; the two are constructed in the most exact harmony. The peaceful valley and the fruitful vineyard without have a corresponding peace and fruitfulness within. The tornado and conflagration without have the corresponding storm and burning of passions within, which leave only mental and moral wrecks and cinders in their track. As the careful mother guides the trusting feet of her infant to the place of safety until the storm and the conflagration be over passed, so Mother Nature carefully guards the budding soul of those who observe her ways to learn wisdom away from the storming, burning and perturbation of passions, prejudice and error. And so on in endless detail; for I must not linger. The thoughtful, contemplative mind sees these distractions, as well as the conservative forces without, and reasons logically to those within. *Masonry teaches how to do this*. Then surely an empty ceremonial, merely 'to satisfy an idle or vain curiosity,' has no place in Masonry.

"Then, Companion Representatives, what means the ceremony in which we are at present engaged, and what means its annual occurrence? For, if it has no meaning, it must cease to have a being. A meaningless act becomes suffused with staleness at its first occurrence; but a great, good, noble, beneficent act stales not on a thousand repetitions. There are men here this morning who have seen the glorious God of Day, the dispeller of darkness, rise over the Comstock every morning for twenty years, but who ever heard or thought of one's saying a stale sunrise? The thing is impossible! New beauties are seen at each recurrence. Truly would he be a daring man, who would essay to speak all the beauties and all meaning of a single act, however humble may be its appearance. Far be it from me to undertake to say all the meaning of the act of receiving the Representatives of our sister Grand Bodies. Let me mention one, and leave to more eloquent tongues to tell the rest. To me, at this moment, it signifies Fraternity, Brotherhood, Family. It is having in thought, if not in act, in the thought-world, if not in the actual world, the mem-

bers of the Grand Masonic Fraterni'y gathered around the Masonic Hearth-stone. In other representative bodies, it is usual for the representative to go from his borough or district to the representative assembly, there to represent the interests, and, as Mr. Emerson expresses it, often 'the cupidity and wrath of his constituents.' Here the represented choose the representative from among those outside of their own limits. Here interest, cupidity or wrath are never represented; fraternity, brotherhood and charity are always seen. Hence, if a Brother, though he hail from a distant land, he can represent.

"Then, Companions, with this idea prominent at this moment, in behalf of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Nevada, I do now, in the name of Fraternity, Brotherhood and Family, bid you welcome, thrice welcome to seats in this Grand Body.

"M. E. David E. Daily, on behalf of the Grand Representatives, responded as follows:—

"Most Excellent Grand Council and Companions of the Grand Chapter of the State of Nevada.

"For myself, and on behalf of my Companions here representing the various Grand Bodies which we do, for those Grand Bodies, and in their name, I return you most sincere and cordial thanks for the warm and fraternal welcome we have received at your hands. We appropriate this welcome not to ourselves, individually, but receive it as the cordial greeting of the Grand Chapter of the State of Nevada to her sister Grand Chapters, represented in us.

"This annual greeting and annual reception might by the world be regarded as an idle form and empty ceremony. We, as Royal Arch Masons, know that it is not so; but, on the contrary, that it is the outward demonstration of that brotherly love which exists within our hearts, and but a means of bringing us more closely together, of more lastingly linking the ties which unite us—making us to feel that we are all constituent parts of that Great Brotherhood, which has existed from time immemorial, and will last until 'time shall be no more.'

"The Grand Chapters which we here represent are separate and distinct from yours, it is true, yet we are all united and are all one:

'Distant as the billows, yet one as the sea.'

"We are one in good works, one in a broad humanity, one in good and noble aims, one in 'brotherly love, relief and truth.'

"Permit me again to return you the thanks of the Grand Chapters represented in us for this reception, and with them to convey to you the best wishes of those several Grand Chapters, their congratulations to this the Most Excellent Grand Chapter of the State of Nevada, which, although one of the youngest, is yet one of the brightest stars in the galaxy of Grand Chapters. Again we thank you "

The Report on Correspondence is by the Grand Secretary. He notices Canada for 1880. The reason that they abolished their life membership was that it seemed to many to be difficult to safely invest funds so that the principal and interest would be secure.

It is our three chief officers, who compose the Grand

Council, who are seated "On the Throne" in our Grand Chapter. The other officers have their appropriate stations elsewhere in the hall.

Comp. Hammond closes his report thus:—

"We finish our task, for task it is, thoroughly convinced that Royal Arch Masonry is a great and growing power for good in the world. Companions, our duty is plain. Let every one but re-build the broken wall 'over against his own house,' and the great work is done. Though our surroundings may be mean in the sight of men, yet the Master hath ordained that good work, true work, square work may be wrought from the humblest material. Anent this truth, we submit, with diffidence, the following lines:—

From lowliest depths, our Fathers brought
The rudest blocks alone,
Yet polished Ashlars, fully wrought,
Out from the Temple shone.

From out the crumbling arch, there came
The Word's potential power;
The long-lost secret of the Name,
High over all this hour.

*So may our lives, though seeming less
Than nothing in our sight,
Bring forth the fruits of Righteousness,
And shine in God's own light."*

M. E. Comp. Frank Bell, (Reno,) G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. John D. Hammond, (Carson,) Grand Secretary.

A circular issued June 19th, 1882, informs us that the Annual Convocation was held on the 13th June, 1882.

No business of special importance came before the Grand Chapter.

Harmony and prosperity prevail.

The proceedings will not be published until after the Grand Convocation in June, 1883.

M. E. Comp. William Timson, (Hamilton,) G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. John D. Hammond, (Carson,) Grand Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

A Special Convocation was held at Concord, September 27th, 1880, at which the Committee on Work submitted their report, and all the degrees were fully exemplified.

The report of the Committee on Work, as exemplified and rehearsed, was accepted and adopted as the work of the jurisdiction, and the Grand Secretary was instructed to promulgate it to the Subordinate Chapters under the direction of the Grand Council, the expense to be paid by the Chapters.

The Sixty-third Annual Convocation was held at Concord, May 17th, 1881.

M. E. Comp. Albert S. Wait, G. H. P.

M. E. Comp. Isaac Henry Stearns, Grand Z. of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Quebec, being present, was introduced and welcomed by the M. E. Grand High Priest, to which the M. E. Companion responded, expressing the pleasure it gave him to meet the Companions of his native State.

The address of the Grand High Priest is the chief feature of the proceedings. His opening remarks are as follows. They are well worthy of attentive perusal:—

“Freemasonry is an institution founded upon and growing out of the necessities of men as social, as intellectual, and as religious beings, and it deals with our social, our intellectual, and our religious interests. It has proved capable of adapting itself to the wants of all these in all the ages of human experience. No attentive student of Masonry can fail to perceive that there lies at its foundation a principle which makes it the great necessity of social man, and consequently a necessary institution growing inevitably out of his nature, wherever its better phase has reached appreciable development. Amidst all the rivalries and antagonisms which pervade active life there is a want, a longing of the soul for union and brotherly love, and for such associative relations as shall be able to satisfy the cravings of our social natures. It is upon this principle that Freemasonry is founded. It builds upon and aims to develop the benevolent and sympathetic phases of our nature. Hence the institution could but be founded; it cannot fail to exist; it must necessarily grow and prosper with the growth and continued development of man's better sentiments. It is not aggressive, not obtrusive; it makes no issues, nor sets up rivalries with the other institutions of the day, but, gathering the virtues of all the ages, it recognizes the inner cravings of the soul

and the universal brotherhood of man, forgetting all else in its devotion to his higher and better needs.

"Let us see to it, my Companions, that, while we are permitted to enjoy the fruits of so good an institution, we honor it by our worthiness and preserve it in its purity, transmitting it in all its matured vigor to be a blessing to future times."

On the General Grand Chapter, he says:—

"Much discussion has heretofore been had upon the value of the General Grand Chapter to the Royal Craft, and there is probably not at the present time entire unanimity of opinion upon the subject, even among those who acknowledge its supremacy. I understand the proper province of the Body to be the conservation of uniformity in the work of this branch of Masonry, and that this is all it claims for itself. It assumes no authority over the various Grand Chapters, or the interests of their jurisdictions, in anything relating to their government or that of the Chapters under them. Within this province I am satisfied of the usefulness of the organization, and believe that it justly demands our loyalty and support. It is the rival of no one, but a band of union among all, tending to more intimate and social and fraternal relations among a brotherhood so widely dispersed as without it to be in danger of remaining at perpetual distance from each other."

On the Work, he says:—

"In September last, we held a Grand Convocation to receive and consider the report of our committee appointed to revise the work of our own Grand Jurisdiction, and the ritual at that time reported was adopted, and the committee instructed to reduce it into form, when it was to be promulgated by the Grand Council as the authorized work of New Hampshire. But it was found to vary in so many particulars from the work prescribed by the General Grand Chapter, that the committee have found difficulty in completing the work assigned them, and no promulgation, consequently, has been made. The subject is open for your consideration."

His two decisions appear to be based on sound principles:—

"1. That the provision of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge which requires the lapse of one year after a rejection before a second petition could be received, has no application in the Chapter, and that a new petition might be presented at any time after the convocation at which the rejection took place.

"2. That the requirements of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, that dimitts must be obtained by members of Lodges before they can be constituted charter members of a new Lodge, is of no force in the Grand Chapter.

"These are special regulations in the Grand Lodge, not landmarks of Masonry, and they have no force beyond the particular body where they are adopted."

There is no Report on Correspondence.

M. E. Comp. Albert S. Wait, (Newport,) G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. Geo. P. Cleaves, (Concord,) Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY.

The Twenty-fifth Annual Convocation was held at Trenton, September 14th, 1881.

M. E. Comp. Chas. Bechtel, G. H. P.

From the address we learn that all the chapters in the jurisdiction have been visited by the Grand Officers during the year. Also, that the finances of the Grand Chapter require serious consideration, as the expenses are exceeding the receipts.

He also says :—

“The year about closing has been a pleasant one to your Grand High Priest—pleasant, because so little has been required of him, and has almost made this exalted position a sinecure, showing, I think, to the Masonic world that the Royal Craft in New Jersey is composed of such good material that no contentions arise to invoke the interference of your presiding officer. It gives me pleasure to report such a condition of things, and which has very much lightened my labors.”

The Finance Committee reported as follows. The first clause was adopted, but the other two recommendations were not concurred in :—

“Your committee would also recommend that the real estate now held by this Grand Chapter be sold as soon as it can be done to advantage, and proceeds invested by Trustess.

“Your committee also recommend an amendement to Article III, Section 3, of the Constitution, reducing the salary of the Grand Secretary from five to three hundred dollars per year.

“The committee recommend an amendement to Article II. Section 6, so as to allow of the expenses of the first four officers only being paid ”

The Report on Correspondence is by the Grand Secretary, Comp. Geo. B. Edwards. Canada for 1881 receives due attention.

On a part of our report, he says :—

“The companion has been very earnest in his views relating to the status of penalty for non-payment of dues, and has urged them with the vigor which alone could proceed from conviction that they were correct. The question, so far as Canada is concerned, is set at rest by the new Constitution just adopted—if suspension be the penalty, as has been quoted. It may be permissible to enquire if it be ‘a maxim of inter-jurisdictional Masonic custom that a Mason’s standing at home determines his standing abroad.’ Would a Royal Arch Mason be allowed to be present at the opening and closing of a Canadian chapter, who had not received the degrees of Mark Master, Past Mas-

ter and Most Excellent Master? If so, what is the object of the following article of the code just adopted?

“‘LXXVIII. When any companion from without the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Canada presents himself as a Royal Arch Mason, and produces satisfactory proof of his having been exalted to that degree, each and every chapter shall have liberty to, and may, confer the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master on such companions who have not heretofore received them, free of charge, except a fee to Grand Chapter for registry and certificate.’

“If not admitted, then is the ‘maxim’ of force in Canada? Do not the companions of that jurisdiction set up their own standard whereby they judge the visitor?”

The article quoted is one of the strongest proofs that the maxim is of force in Canada. In Great Britain, the possession of the intermediate degrees is not a necessary qualification for the reception of the Royal Arch. So, when a Royal Arch Mason from there comes here, we recognize him as such, and his standing as a Royal Arch Mason at home determines his standing here. We admit him to our chapters, when open in the Royal Arch Degree, and we allow him to be present at the opening and closing of our chapters in that degree, and the object of the article quoted is to enable him to receive the Intermediate Degrees, so that he can participate with us, in all the work of the chapter. It is, however, proper to state that there is no reference whatever to the Intermediate Degrees in the opening or closing ceremonies of the Royal Arch Degree with us, nor in our ritual of that degree.

We fully approve of the following remarks, which we find in his notice of Maryland. They have the true ring about them. We believe in liberality in Masonry, as well as in everything else.

“Comp. Schultz, as reviewer, again proclaims the doctrine that it is competent for a Mason to dimit from his lodge and hold membership in a chapter, several of the Grand Jurisdictions holding otherwise. The ground assumed for the purpose of compelling membership and stopping the hegira to the already plethoric ranks of the army of non-contributors, by either time or means, appears to lack soundness of principle and success of issue. All organizations have among their membership these three classes: Those who devote their means and personal influences; those who confine themselves to the support by their means alone; and those who may be designated in-

different, not caring to employ either in the interests involved. Why should not this be applicable to Masonry? Among the thousands who have sought its doors, surely there must be some upon whom Masonic grace descends but may not abide, or but for a short season, dependent upon novelty. It is the Master's parable of the sower illustrated in modern days. A dimitted Mason is certainly more respectable than one suspended or stricken from the roll. Is there an institution in the land—religious, political or civil (excepting one foreign church)—from which a member may not be discharged upon his own desire of severance and conformity to lawful requirements? Compelled membership is in contravention to the liberal construction of Masonry, and antagonistic to Americanism and the age."

M. E. Comp. I. Layton Register, (Camden,) G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. Geo. B. Edwards, (Jersey City,) Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK.

The proceedings are embellished by a beautiful portrait of the late lamented James M. Austin, of New York, who has occupied so prominent a position in Masonic affairs for the last thirty years, and who died in December last. He was Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of New York, and a Past General Grand High Priest.

The Eighty-fifth Annual Convocation was held at Albany, February 7th, 1882.

M. E. Comp. William T. Woodruff, G. H. P.

The address of the Grand High Priest shows a large amount of work, decisions, dispensations and correspondence, and visitations which must have occupied nearly all his time. Comp. Woodruff is evidently a worker, and he seems to enjoy it.

The per diem was reduced from five dollars to four dollars.

"The Grand High Priest communicated and explained in detail the report of the Committee on Ritual, adopted by the General Grand Chapter, at the triennial convocation held in 1880, and promulgated by its order, and instructed the Grand Lecturer to disseminate the 'revised ritual in its entirety' to the subordinate chapters, in accordance with a recommendation contained in his address, and approved by the Grand Chapter."

There were no appeals or grievances, which is a remarkable fact, for so large a body, showing an evidence of peace and good will among the companions not to be surpassed.

We copy entire the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence:—

“Your committee on Jurisprudence have great pleasure in being able to state that after a careful consideration of the several decisions contained in the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest, and referred to them by the order of the Grand Chapter, they concur in each of the decisions, and recommend that they receive the approval of the Grand Chapter.

“Your committee, well satisfied in the main with the reasons assigned in the address for the several decisions, deem it unnecessary, in the case of most of them, to offer any suggestions in addition to those set forth in the address.

“The second decision of the M. E. Grand High Priest is that ‘an installed officer of a chapter cannot, of right, dimit during his term of office.’ This decision meets with the fullest concurrence of your committee; but they are not willing to say, with the M. E. Grand High Priest, that in order to entitle a companion, *holding an appointed office*, to a dimit, it is necessary, in addition to the acceptance of his resignation by the High Priest, that ‘some other companion be appointed to fill the vacancy and be installed in the vacant place.’ They deem the acceptance of the resignation by the High Priest sufficient *alone*, to entitle him to a dimit, provided there are no charges pending against him, and his account with the chapter shows no indebtedness.

“In respect to the sixth decision of the M. E. Grand High Priest—which is to the effect that one or more substitutes for candidates may be used in the conferring of the Royal Arch Degree—your committee deem it proper to mention that the same is in accordance with the decision of the General Grand Chapter. (See proceedings, 1871, p. 35, and proceedings, 1874, p. 61.)

“The seventh decision of the M. E. Grand High Priest is, ‘that after a candidate has been duly elected to receive the degrees and a new ballot is demanded, the demand can only be made in open chapter; and that section 56 of the Constitution does not provide for the case of a private demand for a new ballot.’

“Your committee, while expressing their entire approbation of this decision, have some apprehension that, unless the same shall be accompanied by an explanation, it may hereafter be misunderstood. They therefore desire to say that, in their opinion, the decision should not be construed to debar a companion from stating privately to the High Priest any reason which should operate to prevent the advancement of the brother, nor prevent the High Priest, if the reasons seem to him sufficient, from ordering a new ballot, without publicly announcing to the chapter what the reasons for ordering such new ballot may be and without naming the companion at whose instance the new ballot shall be ordered.

“The thirteenth decision of the M. E. Grand High Priest is to the effect, that a summons signed by the High Priest of a chapter is valid, although issued without a seal; that a summons, signed only by the Secretary, must be authenticated by the seal of the chapter; and that a summons issued only through the press is of no validity whatever.

“In all these propositions your committee concur. But they desire to add that, in their judgment, it is necessary, in order that a summons, signed only by the Secretary, should be effectual, that it should

be issued upon the direction of the chapter or the High Priest, and that it must appear upon its face to have been issued by such direction.

"A resolution approving of the decisions of the M. E. Grand High Priest is hereto appended.

"By direction of the Grand Chapter it was also referred to your committee to consider the question of companions, who, for the non-payment of dues to the lodges to which they have belonged, have been subjected therein to the penalty of 'unaffiliation,' and the action, if any, which is necessary for their restoration to their rights and privileges as Royal Arch Masons. The subject is one of difficulty. By section 31 of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, it is provided 'that the membership of any companion in a chapter within this jurisdiction shall be suspended whenever, for any cause, he shall be suspended from the lodge to which he belongs.' But the companion who suffers in his lodge the penalty of 'unaffiliation,' (the only penalty incurred in this State for the non payment of dues), cannot be properly termed *suspended*. Suspension, under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of this state, is a well-defined punishment, to which the brother who is merely a delinquent in the payment of dues is not liable. As section 39 of our Constitution relates only to the suspension of the membership of companions in their lodges, in the opinion of your committee it cannot properly be construed to apply to the case of a companion suffering a different penalty—that of 'unaffiliation.'

"A companion suffering this penalty in his lodge may in fact terminate his punishment and disability at any time by paying his arrears. This done, if it is the pleasure of his lodge, he may be restored to membership by the vote of a majority of the brethren of his lodge. If his application for restoration to membership should fail to receive such vote, he must remain unaffiliated, but at liberty to apply for membership to any other lodge which he may choose.

"The question before your committee is this: 'What is the status of such companion while thus unaffiliated?'

"Upon this question the Constitution of the Grand Chapter is entirely silent. No provision which it contains is applicable to the case. Yet there can be but little doubt that a companion, who, by the plainest disregard of his duty as a brother has thus become an unaffiliate, ought not to retain the rights and privileges of a Royal Arch Mason in good standing. The common interests of Masonry demand that the consequences of his default to duty should follow him through all the other Masonic bodies to which he belongs.

"The subject seems to your committee not to require any amendment of the Constitution, nor any violent construction of its provisions. It is competent for the Grand Chapter, at any of its sessions, to enact laws not in conflict with the Constitution of the Grand Chapter or of the General Grand Chapter. Such laws, often called 'General Regulations,' are subject to amendment or repeal at any convocation of the Grand Chapter. At present the Grand Chapter has no existing laws of this character: but this affords no reason why, if deemed expedient, they may not be enacted.

"Your committee, to meet the requirements of this important matter, deem it proper to recommend the adoption of a statute, a draft of which is hereto annexed, to be called 'General Regulations—Section 1.' If it should meet with the approval of the Grand Chap-

ter, then, until modified or abrogated, it would have the full force and effect of any other law of Royal Arch Masonry; and it is hoped that it may tend to the accomplishment of the desirable reform, so convincingly urged in the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest.

"Your committee regret to say that in respect to the General Regulation here proposed M. E. Comp. Morrison does not agree with the rest of the committee, and signs this report with that reservation.

"Your committee also heartily concur with the M. E. Grand High Priest in his view of the desirability of so regulating the representation of our sister Grand Chapters that in no case shall any companion be acknowledged as the representative of more than one Grand Chapter. To accomplish this result they subjoin the draft of a law relative to the case, to be known as 'General Regulations, Section 2.'

"RESOLVED, That the several decisions, announced in the address of the M. E. Grand High Priest, be and the same are hereby approved.

GENERAL REGULATIONS, SECTION 1. If any companion of this jurisdiction shall become unaffiliated by his lodge for the non-payment of dues, upon proof of the fact, by the certificate of his lodge, authenticated by its seal and the signature of its secretary, and filed with the Secretary of his chapter his membership in this chapter shall be suspended, until such unaffiliation shall cease or his dues to his lodge be paid.

GENERAL REGULATIONS, SECTION 2. No member of this Grand Chapter shall be the representative therein of more than one Grand Chapter.

It was ordered that the State should be divided into Districts, for the purpose of disseminating the Ritual, and that the Grand Lecturer should appoint an assistant in each District.

The report on Correspondence is by Comps. Ogden, Lambert and Gorman. Canada for 1881 receives a good notice. The address of Comp. Spry is termed a document of much merit. The Grand Superintendents are complimented on their efficiency, and our revised constitution is called very complete and well prepared. Several extracts from it are given, and the notice thus concludes:—

"Comp. Henry Robertson again presents a very interesting report on Foreign Correspondence. He does not overlook his nearest neighbor, New York, but gives us a kind notice and salutation, which we beg leave to return with interest. We like the Royal Craft of Canada. They are a live, active, progressive body of Royal Arch Masons, in full accord and sympathy with us of the States. They are identical with us in everything but the name of their Grand Officers, and that constitutes no real difference; for what's in a simple name, whether it be Grand Z. or G. H. P., they signify the same. What matters whether the three first officers sit on a throne or in a council chamber? The people of Canada learn to reverence thrones, but we do not, and yet we all do reverence to the priestly office and authority,

and that is what Capitular Masonry does, whether acting in Monarchical or in Republican countries. We must omit much which we would like to quote from Comp. Robertson's admirable report, but we are extending our own beyond the proper limit."

A new plan of dealing with the question of non-payment of dues is suggested, which has some very good features:—

"Both these learned and good men concur in the conclusion that, to cut off those who are unable, but willing, to pay, is a cruel wrong and hardship, while those who are able, but will not pay, deserve no consideration—with the one it is a misfortune, with the other a crime. This is the precise point where the remedial action must come in, and where the best and really desirable material may be saved to the Craft. There should be a discrimination; those who can but will not pay are offenders of a high order, and should be punished; while he who wants to, but is in circumstances which forbid payment, should be kindly dealt with, and his dues if need be abated. Is there any practical way to arrange the matter so that justice and right shall be done, and injustice and wrong prevented? We can see the difficulties in the way, and yet there is generally, if not always, a way where there is a will. What rule then can we adopt to arrest the depletion by dropping from the roll of membership for the non-payment of dues? How would the following plan answer?

"*First.* No member to be regarded as delinquent for non-payment of dues until one year from the time they are due.

"*Second.* Let a summons be issued to all delinquents, stating the amount of indebtedness for dues, and propounding this question, 'Are you able, and will you pay the amount?' Answer, on your honor as a Mason."

"*Third.* If the companion answers that he is not able, let the matter be referred to a committee to inquire and report as to the truth of the statement, and, if the report be in accord with the statement, let the dues be remitted and the debt forgiven.

"*Fourth.* If the companion be able to pay, either by his own confession or known circumstances, then let the Secretary take his note after two years dues have accrued, payable six months from date, and convert the same into money, or hold the same as assets belonging to the Chapter, to be used as circumstances may require. If this be refused, then let him be expelled for unmasonic conduct, and let all such be published annually.

"*Fifth.* Let all subordinate Chapters be exempted from paying dues to the Grand Chapter on all members who have been twenty-five years and more members of the Chapter, and who have paid for that time all dues, and let such members be exempted from paying all dues ever after.

"The result of this plan would be to stop the drain of suspensions and dropping from the roll for non-payment of dues, and would in the end, bring all or nearly all to pay rather than give notes to remain outstanding obligations; it would make candidates careful in their applications, and would secure to the Chapter their dues and debts. Do you say it is complicated and likely to embarrass Chapters and members? We do not see it; it is a simple business transaction, and would at stated periods give members a forcible reminder of their obligations to their Chapters; having agreed to pay and thus created an

obligation, why should they not be asked to put it in writing and make it legally binding. Those who joined Chapters would understand when they were accepted that they would be compelled to pay, and not be allowed to drop out by refusing to pay without due punishment. Or can anybody devise a better plan? The subject is vital, something has got to be done, and it is worthy the careful attention of the best minds of the Craft.

"It does no good to say that non payment of dues is a crime and should be punished: granted, but it does not save the Chapters from depletion and the Craft from ruin and disgrace. They go out through the door by whole battalions; last year in this jurisdiction, according to the Grand Secretary's report, the total decrease was 1521, and the net 753. This ratio of decrease would wipe out the entire membership of a little over 15,000 in twenty years. The exaltations were 606, and the suspensions for non-payment of dues 1039. These figures show conclusively the gravity of the question, and a necessity for some rule that will arrest this depletion.

"Let us assume the charitable view, that most who neglect to pay dues do it without any criminal design, without intending to defraud the Chapter or act dishonestly, and then let us apply the rule of requiring notes or obligations, and it will at once be seen that there are very few but would pay; and then those who are really poor and unable to pay would be relieved and forgiven, and thus the membership would be maintained.

"We have thrown out these crude views more for the purpose of calling attention and attracting notice than for any other purpose. We would like some practical suggestions from others. There ought to be wisdom enough in the Royal Craft to devise a way of safety out of the danger which threatens us."

In the notice of Missouri, the Committee say:—

"We assure Comp. Mayo that he mistakes the question. We did not intend to make an official report or recognition of the 'First Independent African Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Missouri.' We simply stated the fact that we found on our table a pamphlet purporting to be the proceedings of such a body; we did not call it regular; we did not say it was clandestine; but did state, as a matter of public interest to the Craft, the fact in regard to Masonry among the colored people of America, who number near six millions of our population, and who certainly have some rights which white people must respect and regard, with no recognition as to regularity, with no desire to have negroes made Masons, and, most of all, introduced in Lodges with white men; we gave what seemed reliable data on the general subject and then left, and propose to leave, the matter without undue excitement and offence to any one."

M. E. Comp. James D. Pollard, (Seneca Falls,) G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. Christopher G. Fox, (Buffalo,) Grand Secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The Thirty-third Annual Convocation was held at Asheville, May 31st, 1881.

M. E. Comp. C. M. Van. Orsdell, G. H. P.

Owing to the illness of the Grand High Priest, he was unable to complete his address.

Nothing of any importance came before the Grand Chapter.

Owing to financial pressure, it was not thought advisable to print a report on Correspondence. Canada for 1880 was received.

M. E. Comp. James Southgate, (Durham,) G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. Donald W. Bain, (Raleigh,) Grand Secretary.

NOVA SCOTIA.

The Twelfth Annual Convocation was held at Halifax, May 31st, 1881.

M. E. Comp. Lorenzo F. Darling, G. H. P.

Three Chapters were represented, five others sent returns but no Representatives, and the other three sent no returns.

At the conclusion of his address, the Grand High Priest has the following:—

“As you will readily observe, the working of our institution in connection with the Royal Craft has been so nearly perfect and harmonious as to render my official duties exceedingly light and pleasant, and leaves but little for me to suggest for the improvement of the present state of things.

“A little more determination and energy, however, on the part of the High Priests and officers of some of our chapters would not be without its good effects, and is very much wanted at the present time in some of our chapters. This, however, does not apply to all.

“I wish to impress upon the minds of the High Priests of all our chapters the very great importance of a more thorough knowledge of our Ritual. It is the duty of every High Priest of a chapter to be not only proficient in the esoteric work of all the different degrees, but it is also his duty to see, as far as lies in his power, that each and every officer in his chapter has attained as near perfection as possible in his own portion of the work. The material prosperity of our chapters depends more upon this, perhaps, than is generally supposed.

“I very much regret that the funds of this Grand Chapter were not considered sufficient to warrant the re-opening of our Foreign Correspondence Reports, and I would earnestly recommend that the publication of these reports be resumed in our next proceedings if at all consistent with the means of this Grand Chapter.”

At the afternoon session, five Chapters were represented.

Royal Union Chapter, No. 1, of this jurisdiction, has com-

pleted one hundred years of existence, and the event was duly celebrated.

Canada for 1881 receives kindly mention.

M. E. Comp. James Gossip, who has been Grand Secretary ever since the formation of this Grand Chapter, was elected G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. Geo. T. Smithers, (Halifax,) Grand Secretary.

OHIO.

The Sixty-fifth Annual Convocation was held at Toledo, September 21st, 1881.

M. E. Comp. James B. Hovey, G. H. P.

He issued dispensations for two new Chapters, and refused a third application. He commissioned Comp. Hugh A. Mackay as their Representative near our Grand Chapter. He refused an application from a Chapter to appear in public procession to receive ex-President Hayes.

The report of the Committee on Jurisprudence was adopted as follows:—

“Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence have considered the decisions made by the Grand High Priest, and reported in the annual address, and approve then as follows:

“A Master Mason who had petitioned a Chapter for advancement and had been elected to receive the M. M. degree, removed to another State, and thereafter applied for permission to withdraw his petition, and ask for a return of the fees; to this the Chapter consented, provided it should be held not unlawful. Held: that the Chapter could by a vote of three-fourths of the members present permit the withdrawal of petition, the relinquishment of jurisdiction and the return of the fees.

“That the by-laws of a Chapter take effect upon their approval by the Grand Chapter.

“That a companion can file written objection to an applicant becoming a member of Chapter.

“That a brother who has been rejected by an unfavorable ballot may petition the Chapter again at any subsequent meeting.

“That it is the duty of the High Priest to submit the ballot to the King and Scribe for their inspection before announcing the result.”

“That the rejected brother cannot be lawfully received in another Chapter without the consent of Chapter rejecting him.

“That a committee can lawfully report a petition at the same evening it is received. The Chapter would not, however, be permitted to ballot thereon until it had laid over from one stated meeting to another, except in conformity to rule 21 of the Chapter code.

"That a non-affiliated Master Mason is not eligible to be received in a Chapter.

"That when a member is under suspension for non-payment of dues, and his residence is not known, charges may be preferred against him for unmasonic conduct, in improperly failing to pay dues, and notice served upon him in pursuance of rule 35.

"That a companion must have a dimit from his Chapter before he can be received into another Chapter.

"That a white ball and blue cube are not improper ballots.

"And that a companion in good standing in his Chapter is eligible to any office therein, although he may be living in another State."

The Report on Correspondence is by Comp. Thomas J. Melish, and notices Canada for 1881.

M. E. Comp. Daniel A. Scott, (Akron,) G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. James Nesbitt, (Troy,) Grand Secretary.

PENNSYLVANIA.

A silver snuff and tobacco box, beautifully and chastely embellished with gold emblems of Royal Arch Masonry, was presented to the retiring Grand Secretary, Comp. John Thomson who held that position for 14 years. A magnificent gold watch was also presented to the Assistant Grand Secretary, Comp. J. A. Simpson.

On motion, the sum of one hundred dollars was placed in the hands of the Committee on Charity, for the relief of a member of Grand Chapter.

"The Grand Secretary reported that he had received among some papers of the Grand Chapter, found among the archives of the Grand Lodge, the original Minutes of the Grand Chapter, from December, 1796, to 1812. The records of the Grand Chapter are now complete."

At the quarterly meetings, a large amount of local business was transacted.

The Annual Convocation was held at Philadelphia, December 27th, 1881.

M. E. Comp. Hibbert P. John, G. H. P.

In his address he says:—

"The year has been one of prosperity and progress to our country and state, in which advancement "Capitular Masonry" has to a considerable degree participated. My personal observation of the Subordinate Chapters, reinforced by my examination of the reports of the

District Deputies, convince me that all these bodies are in a healthy and prosperous condition, and I think the year just opening betokens further progress and prosperity to the Royal Craft, throughout this entire jurisdiction. In my official capacity as Grand High Priest, attended by an official corps of Grand Officers, I have during the year, visited all the Chapters and Mark Lodges meeting within these halls, and also others, meeting in this city, as well as a number in different parts of the State.

"I found from an examination of the minutes of the Grand Secretary that in very many of the Chapters visited, there had not been a Grand visitation in form, since eighteen hundred and seventy two. In every instance where such visitation was made, the greatest interest seemed to be manifested, and the Grand Officers were not only cordially welcomed, but treated in the most hospitable manner; a convincing proof that our efforts were appreciated and that our labor for the advancement of "Capitular Masonry will not go unrewarded."

The report on Correspondence is by Comp. Andrew Zane, Jr., and notices Canada for 1881.

M. E. Comp. Hibbert P. John, (Philadelphia,) G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. Charles E. Meyer, (Philadelphia,) Grand Secretary.

QUEBEC.

The Fifth Annual Convocation was held at Montreal, September 27th, 1881.

M. E. Comp. I. H. Stearns, Grand Z.

In his address he says:—

"For the information of the Companions, I beg to state that we are in communication with the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of England, in reference to matters of importance relative to the welfare of our Royal Craft, but as the correspondence relating to these matters is still carried on, I do not deem it advisable to submit it to the Grand Chapter at the present convocation. I also call your attention to a communication from our Past Grand Z. to the Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Scotland, which will be found in Appendix A of our proceedings."

The Committee on Ritual, reported as follows:—

"That the following members of the committee, Comps. Edgar, Robinson, Milton, McLean, Presby, Thomas and Whyte, held a conference during recess of Grand Chapter, and resolved by a majority of votes to report:

"1st. That it is advisable that uniformity of work be enforced in this jurisdiction.

"2nd. That the work to be adopted by Grand Chapter be the ritual adopted by the Grand Chapter of Canada, as worked in all the Chapters in this jurisdiction with one single exception, and that the revision of that work, which was adopted by the Grand Chapter of Canada at its

last convocation, be the basis of the ritual to be adopted by this Grand Chapter; and that the committee be granted permission to examine this work and report further at the next annual convocation."

The report on Correspondence is by Comp. Arthur F. Simpson, and notices Canada for 1881.

M. E. Comp. Frank Edgar, (Montreal,) Grand Z.

R. E. Comp. Angus Grant, (Montreal,) Grand Scribe E.

RHODE ISLAND.

The eighty-second Annual Convocation was held at Providence, March 9th, 1880.

M. E. Comp. William N. Ackley, G. H. P.

He appointed Comp. J. B. Traves as their Representative near the Grand Chapter of Canada.

On the subject of Special Dispensations, he says:—

"These several dispensations have been issued with the purpose of furthering the best interests of the several chapters making application for them. In issuing some of them, I have followed past precedent, which has sometimes created a slight flutter in other jurisdictions. I have granted such dispensations on the broad ground that our legal provisions are not intended to be obstructive, but helpful; should not impede the freest motion in all legitimate channels, but should guarantee just latitude in the direction of all true work and progress. This principle of action grows out of our grand central virtue of charity, the chief corner-stone of the Masonic system, and which teaches us that the weak are entitled to the support and generous co-operation of those favored with more ample privileges. We should draw a sharp distinction between that wild license and pride of authority which would march with vandal tread athwart every ancient and venerated landmark of our institution, and that broad and generous spirit of interpretation, which can find the greatest well-being of the Craft a nobler end than the conservation of variable written law. The perpetuity of Masonic institutions does not depend upon a finical tenacity with regard to mere minor technicalities."

Comp. Wm. R. Geeene was received as our Representative.

The following resolutions were adopted:—

"RESOLVED, That ———, ———, ——— be, and they are hereby appointed a committee to cause to be printed five hundred copies of the Proceedings of this Grand Chapter, from its organization to September 14, 1858, inclusive, and that they are hereby authorized to draw upon the funds of this Grand Chapter for the expense thereof.

"RESOLVED, That one copy of the above be sent by said committee to the Body known as the 'General Grand Chapter of the United States;' one to each Grand Chapter in correspondence with this

Grand Chapter, and one to each subordinate Chapter of this jurisdiction.

"RESOLVED, That said committee be authorized and directed to fix a price at which the remaining copies will be sold to such as desire them."

Whereupon the above resolutions are unanimously adopted, and the M. E. Grand High Priest is pleased to appoint as the Committee, R. E. Clinton D. Sellew, M. E. Thos. A. Doy'le, and the Grand Secretary.

In consequence of the contemplated printing of the early records of the Grand Chapter, there is no report on Correspondence.

The Eighty-third Annual Convocation was held at Providence, March 8th, 1881.

M. E. Comp. John P. Sanborn, G. H. P.

In his annual address, Comp. Sanborn advocates what we consider a retrograde step, that of reducing the fees for the degrees by one half, and making the minimum fee fifteen dollars.

He thinks that the Chapters which do not feel the need of a reduction can keep up the price, while those which have been idle for years will look upon it as a boon.

An amendment to make the minimum fee twenty dollars lies over till the next meeting.

The following was adopted:—

"RESOLVED, That a committee be appointed who shall cause a copy of the authorized work of the several degrees in Capitular Masonry to be prepared, including, also, the full order of ceremonial procedure, the same to be submitted to the Grand High Priest for his approval; and when approved by him, said copy shall be placed in the hands of the Grand Lecturer for official promulgation, and no other copy of the work shall be made."

M. E. Comp. John P. Sanborn, (Newport,) G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. William R. Greene, (Providence,) Grand Secretary.

TENNESSEE.

The Fifty-third Annual Convocation was held at Nashville, February 3rd, 1882.

M. E. Comp. Gideon R. Gwynne, G. H. P.

He thus announces the death of Comp. Blackie, who was our representative. The writer had the pleasure of his personal friendship, and had known and learned to love him well :—

“On the 19th of June, 1881, Companion George S. Blackie passed away. He was exalted to the R. A. Degree in the ‘Cannongate Kil-winning Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland,’ and on the same day was regularly received as having been elected to the ‘Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland.’

“He filled many positions in our Order, and filled them well. He was a rare scholar, a true, earnest man, a devoted Mason, a courteous and magnanimous Knight, ‘Worthy of the distinguished honors he won while living, and of the most tender and regretful memories now that he is dead.

“He was the Grand Representative near this Grand Body of the Grand Chapters of Scotland, Canada, Minnesota, New Jersey, South Carolina and Vermont.

“I would recommend that this Grand Chapter take such action as may be deemed proper, regarding the death of this distinguished Companion.”

Comp. Gwynne arrested the charters of 17 chapters, some of which had made no report for years.

On the condition of the order, he says :—

“This subject demands our most serious and earnest attention. I am sorry to report that it is not as flourishing in this Grand Jurisdiction as it ought to be. I believe if left to itself a few years longer, it will settle into that apathy and indifference that is worse than death ; but I am satisfied, with an earnest effort, it could *now* be easily aroused to a new life and a promising future.

“Whose fault is this ? Are we doing our duty ? Are we giving it the time and attention it deserves ? Are we living up to its grand principles in such a manner as to recommend it to the world ?

“Let us not forget its solemn obligations, but resolve that in the future we will be more attentive, more earnest, and more vigilant.

“I would call attention to the urgent necessity for the appointment of a Grand Visitor or Grand Lecturer. From the mountains to the Mississippi, there has been one universal cry, ‘send us a Grand Officer, or General Lecturer.’

“We *must* have some system of instruction. We cannot afford to hesitate longer on account of our financial condition—because this necessity is of *vital* importance—it is absolutely imperative.”

Comp. E. Edmundson was received as our representative.

“On motion, the Grand Secretary was authorized, with the concurrence of the Grand High Priest, to compromise with members of defunct chapters as to their indebtedness for dues, with a view of encouraging affiliation.”

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported as follows, and the report was adopted:—

“Your committee, while deeply regretting the necessity which existed for arresting the charters of so many subordinate chapters as are enumerated in the address, yet are of the opinion that the action of the Grand High Priest was justifiable in each case, and therefore recommend its approval by this Grand Chapter.

“Your committee heartily concur with the views expressed by the Grand High Priest as to the condition of the Order and the necessity for adopting a thorough system of visitation or lecturing. In view, however, of the weak financial condition of the Grand Chapter, we recommend the continuation of the system adopted during the past year; and that the Grand High Priest be requested to select an earnest and efficient companion in each Congressional District, whose duty it shall be to visit each subordinate chapter in said territory, impart the ritual if necessary, but especially to use his most earnest exertions to arouse and re-enliven the chapters to a proper degree of zeal and efficiency.

“We would also recommend as an additional means of usefulness that the Lecturer appointed on behalf of the Grand Lodge be also authorized, if competent, to lecture such chapters as he may be able to visit, if in the opinion of the first four officers of this Grand Chapter, such a course is advisable.”

M. E. Comp. Wm. E. Eastman, (Nashville,) G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. John Frizzell, (Nashville,) Grand Secretary.

TEXAS.

The Thirty-second Annual Convocation was held at Houston, December 8th, 1881.

M. E. Comp. Jno. B. McMahon, G. H. P.

The address is a model of brevity, occupying less than two pages; peace, and prosperity still mark their progress.

The following is the report on work:—

“Your Committee on Work respectfully represent that although the full board of the Committee have not any time been present during the session, some of them have been in attendance during the past five days. They have had before them an unusually large number of delegates from Subordinate Chapters seeking instruction, which has been fully imparted in every branch of the Work.

“We would again suggest to Subordinate Chapters the necessity of sending their Delegates before the Committee at as early a day in the session as possible. They will always find the Committee ready and willing to impart instruction.”

The following resolution was adopted:—

“RESOLVED, That a Special Committee of three Companions be appointed to inquire into and report to this Grand Chapter what legisla-

tion, if any, is necessary to incorporate this Grand Chapter and its Subordinates for the purpose of protecting their respective property rights."

On which the following report was made:—

"Your Committee to whom was referred the resolution of Comp. Tyler, hereto appended, have considered the same and recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

"RESOLVED, That Companions George Goldthwaite, Henry Scherffius and Charles Stewart be, and they are hereby appointed a committee to examine the act and amended acts of incorporation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, and to make report of their examination to the M. E. Grand High Priest.

"RESOLVED, That if, in the opinion of said Committee, said acts of incorporation need amendment in order to fully accomplish the purposes of the organization of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, and to protect her rights and interests and the rights and interests of the subordinate Chapters, then the M. E. Grand High Priest, in connection with said Committee, is instructed to procure such additional articles of incorporation as may be deemed necessary and proper, and to report their acts and doings at the next Convocation of this Grand Body.

"RESOLVED, That the Grand Treasurer be, and he is hereby authorized to pay, upon the warrant of the Chairman of said Committee, such sum of money as may be necessary to meet the expenses incurred in procuring such additional articles of incorporation, if needed."

The report of the finance committee was read and adopted as follows:—

"The attention of your Committee has been called to the fact that this Grand Body is yearly being deprived of much of its revenue from Chapters failing to report and pay for the conferring of the Council Degrees; and to provide for the future, we recommend the adoption of the accompanying resolution:

"RESOLVED, That the fees for conferring the Royal and Select Master Degrees shall be not less than \$5, to be collected by the Chapter conferring the Degrees, of which amount said Chapter shall pay \$1 to the M. E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter; provided, that such Chapters as collect these fees from candidates when applying for the Royal Arch and appendant Degrees shall refund to the candidate the amount he may pay when receiving the Degree in another Chapter."

The report on Correspondence is by Comp. Robert M. Elgin. In his notice of Alabama, we find the following:—

"He endorses the views of Comp. Patton, of Oregon, that Lodge membership is necessary to Chapter membership, who holds that continued affiliation is absolutely necessary to Chapter membership, on the ground that the same standard is required to maintain membership as to acquire it.

"To this we do not subscribe. First, it is not required by the *common law* of Masonry that a Master Mason must be affiliated with a Lodge to qualify him to receive the Degrees. In those jurisdictions,

where it is not made a prerequisite by regulation, a non-affiliate is eligible. It was formerly the case in this jurisdiction that a non-affiliate could receive the Degrees. And again if you place it on the ground that the same prerequisites are necessary to maintain membership as to acquire it, a Mason who loses an arm or a leg after receiving the Degrees, forfeits his membership, which we hardly think either Comp. Pillans or Patton will contend for. We think it the duty of every Royal Arch Mason to maintain his membership in his Lodge, but unfortunately every Mason does not perform his whole duty. It is his duty to be temperate, prudent and charitable, but failure to do so does not inevitably work a forfeiture of membership."

Canada for 1881 receives due attention.

Under "Indiana," he says:—

"Now, while we do not deny the right of our Indiana Companions to refuse to admit a Companion merely because he is a non-affiliate, or for any other cause, it does not look to us reasonable that a Mason who can visit either a Lodge or a Chapter in Louisiana, where he resides, should be refused admittance in Indiana or Pennsylvania, on account of his want of good standing at home. So far as this kind of legislation affects their own members, we care not; but when they undertake to say that a visitor from another jurisdiction is not in good standing, when the highest authority in his own jurisdiction recognizes him, we must enter our humble protest. It gives good excuse for similar legislation on the other side of the question. We have just congratulated our Companions of Canada on their action in changing their regulations, which abrogated the decisions of other jurisdictions and admitted those who were suspended in other jurisdictions, and now we find our sister of Indiana meeting her late practice on the other extreme, and refusing to admit those who are of good standing at home."

And under "Minnesota," :—

"He calls us to task about saying the Chapter Degrees were all worked before the General Grand Chapter was created, and asks where? We are writing this review in order to have it ready for the Grand Chapter at its meeting while on a business trip to the country, and while stopping temporarily at a village hotel on the frontier, and though a railroad town, is within five miles of the spot where a few years ago the wild Indian put the rider afoot with the prospects before him of a long walk to the settlements. Of course, I had no opportunity of consulting authorities, and do not pretend to be a Masonic historian. But I will, Yankee-like, answer Comp. Pierson by asking him a question. Was not the General Grand Chapter formed by Grand Chapters, as the recently-formed General Grand Council was? When did it invent a single Degree conferred by the Chapters?

"If the General Grand Chapter is the sole owner and maker of these Degrees, how is it that we find Grand Chapters in England, Scotland, and in Virginia, Pennsylvania, and Canada? How does it happen that the record of a Grand Chapter in Maryland recently came to light and was presented to one of the present Grand Chapters of that State as a valuable memento, as evidencing the existence of an ancient

Grand Chapter long before the General Grand Chapter was ever heard of?

"We think it not important to the argument whether any one or more of the Degrees now conferred by the Chapters in this country are or are not conferred in other jurisdictions. That Royal Arch Chapters did exist, and Grand Chapters also, anterior to the formation of the General Grand Chapter, cannot be denied, and some of them have continued to work ever since. How far they differ in ritual or how near they came is not pertinent, for they acknowledge each other to be the same Order, and hold intercourse with each other as Chapter Masons. We think those who hold fast to the oldest forms are entitled to the most credit, and not the ones who have shown the most inventive genius and have made the greatest 'improvements' (?) We are constitutionally opposed to changes and experiments in Masonic Work. We generally find the improvements only to be changes, and that for the worse."

Comp. Elgin also has this reply to some remarks of Comp. Meyer, of Pennsylvania :—

"In this connection we find the following, under the head of Canada:

"Companion Henry Robertson presents the Report on Correspondence, reviewing, among others, Pennsylvania, for 1879. He comments on the resolution adopted by this Grand Chapter in reference to Royal Arch Masons suspended by their Lodges for non-payment of dues, calls it unfraternal, and a breach of Masonic comity, and says:

"Hitherto it has been an acknowledged maxim of Masonic international law, that the standing of a Mason at home governs his standing abroad. The same rule applies to Royal Arch Masons; if they are in good standing according to the laws of their own Grand Chapter, they are entitled to recognition as Royal Arch Masons wherever they go."

"To which we reply, that while such may be the custom in Canada, it is not universal. A Mason, no matter from whence he hails, is subject to the laws, be they good or bad, light or oppressive, fraternal or unfraternal, of the Grand Body within whose jurisdiction he may at the time be.

"This we think as pure and unadulterated an article of sophistry as could well be promulgated. No one denies that a Mason is subject to the laws within whose jurisdiction he may be, but that does not in any way affect the truth of the maxim as laid down by Comp. Robertson. We fully agree with Comp. Robertson, and while the Pennsylvania resolution does not at all interfere with the rights of Masons in our own jurisdiction, because we have the genuine suspension for non-payment, we regard it as wrong in principle and an improper interference with the affairs of sister Grand Chapters. While Pennsylvania has the right to make bad laws if she wants them, where they are such as to operate on visitors from other jurisdictions, outsiders have the right to criticise them."

M. E. Comp. Peyton Nowlin, (Waxahachie,) G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. Robert Brewster, (Houston,) Grand Secretary.

VERMONT.

The Sixty-fifth Annual Convocation was held at Burlington. June 16th, 1882.

M. E. Comp. Homer M. Phelps, G. H. P.

He reports that Capitular Masonry is in a healthy condition within their borders; there has been a reasonable amount of work done during the past year, and harmony and brotherly love prevail.

The following was unanimously adopted;—

“WHEREAS, An amendment to the General Regulations of this Grand Chapter has been pending for two years, changing the date of the Annual Convocation, provided concurrent action could be secured by the Grand Lodge of Vermont: Therefore,

“RESOLVED, That this Grand Chapter fraternally requests the Grand Lodge of Vermont, if not inconsistent with the best interests of Masonry in Vermont, to change the date of its Annual Communication from Wednesday to Thursday of the week in which such Communications are held.”

The report on Correspondence is by Comp. Edward S. Dana, and notices Canada for 1881.

M. E. Comp. Homer M. Phelps, (Burlington,) G. P. H.

R. E. Comp. W. H. S. Whitcomb, (Burlington) Grand Secretary.

VIRGINIA.

The Seventy-fourth Annual Convocation was held at Richmond, December 15th, 1881.

M. E. Comp. Peyton S. Coles, G. H. P.

In his address he says :—

“No question of jurisprudence or usage has been presented to me for adjudication; no difficulties have arisen, no contentions have prevailed among the members of our household. These are fortunate circumstances attending the period of my administration.

“The exactions and demands upon my time as Grand Master of Masons in Virginia during this busy Centennial year, have prevented my giving to Capitular Masonry that time and attention which its welfare demands, and which, under other circumstances, it would have been my duty and pleasure to bestow. But I am happy to say the universal harmony which has existed in our Grand Jurisdiction, relieves the feeling of regret which I should otherwise feel for the apparent—for it is apparent only—neglect of duty.”

He formed one new chapter.

The reports of the District Deputies do not show a very satisfactory condition of the Craft. Nearly all apologise for their inability to visit the chapters. They report apathy, and indifference and a poor attendance in many of the chapters. It is to be hoped that this is merely a temporary depression.

We copy part of the report on the address of the Grand High Priest :—

“While peace and harmony prevail, while no discordant note is heard in this Grand Jurisdiction, yet it is evident from several parts of our Grand High Priest’s address, that Capitular Masonry is not keeping pace with the other members of the great Masonic family.

“Our Grand High Priest enjoins us that there are no reasons why the chapters already existing (and many more too) should not be in a flourishing condition, and he suggests that if the General Regulations adopted in 1858, which requires the High Priests of the subordinate chapters to use more care in the instruction of candidates in their advancement from one degree to another were enforced, and if the officers were proficient themselves, and would inculcate proficiency in others, Capitular Masonry would be improved, and its members freed from the complaint of supineness. To all this your committee say, Amen.

“But in the judgment of the committee, there is a question which must be settled before the companions can become proficient in the work, and, of course, before the complaint of supineness can be cured, and until it is settled we cannot hope to see Capitular Masonry attain the grand end in the moral and Masonic world for which it was designed, and which it is so eminently fitted to accomplish. The question is ‘What is the true work?’ It is evident that there is a distressing want of unanimity, even among the most skillful companions as to the true answer to this question. Some say *this* is the work, others say not so, but *that* is the work, while still others say neither of these is the work, but something else is—and so on. This question must be authoritatively answered, and the matters settled by this Grand Chapter; and when thus answered and settled, an insuperable barrier to the onward and benificent progress of Capitular Masonry will be removed. It is then, and not until then, we may reasonably hope to see the officers and members of the subordinate chapters busily employed in erecting this part of the great Masonic mystic temple according to rule, and line, and square, and plummet, with just such material as is needed.

“The committee are indifferent as to the means which the Grand Chapter may adopt (should it adopt any at all) to ascertain the true work and make it known to the companions at large. This they cheerfully submit to the better judgment of the Grand Chapter. They suggest, however, the adoption of the following resolution:

“RESOLVED, That the Committee on Work ascertain what is the true work, that to this end they have power to meet at some central

accessible point or points as often as may be necessary at the call of the chairman—to call before them and examine such skillful companions as they may deem necessary to attain the end in view, and to ascertain and finally determine what is and shall be the true work of the Grand Chapter of Virginia, subject, however, to its approval.

“The committee are of opinion that the convocations of Grand Chapter ought not to follow *immediately* after the communications of the Grand Lodge. Many of the Representatives of the subordinate chapters are also representatives of the subordinate lodges in the Grand Lodge, and because of their arduous labors in the Grand Lodge, they are so tired and wearied out as not to be in a condition to derive much knowledge of Capitular Masonry. Your committee are therefore in sympathy with the movement now on foot to change the custom of the Grand Chapter as to the time of holding its convocations.”

The following were adopted:—

“RESOLVED, That the Committee on Work report at the next Grand Annual Convocation

“RESOLVED, That the necessary expenses of the Committee on Work in traveling to and from and attending on its meetings for the perfection of the work, be paid by the Grand Chapter on the order of the Chairman of said committee; provided, the whole amount thus expended shall not exceed the sum of \$100.

M. E. Comp. George R. Atkinson, (Smithfield,) G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. William B. Isaacs, (Richmond,) Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN.

The Thirty-second Annual Convocation was held at Milwaukee, February 21st, 1882.

M. E. Comp. Fred. Ring, Jr., G. H. P.

On the state of the order, he says:—

“If the amount of work accomplished by the Chapters during the past year is any criterion of the prosperity of Capitular Masonry in this Jurisdiction, we may congratulate ourselves on having had a favorable year. Although the reception of new material has been in excess of former years, yet I am assured that all has been scrutinized with great care by the overseers, and they have reason to feel hopeful that no imperfect pieces have been passed.”

He issued a Dispensation for one new chapter, and refused five other applications, as he did not consider their prospects good.

The following report on the decision of the Grand High Priest was adopted.—

“The third decision reads as follows:

“ ‘No penalty can be inflicted by an officer of the Chapter, nor by the Chapter itself upon a Companion, until he shall have been adjudged guilty after due trial.’

“ While your Committee are satisfied that this is a correct statement of a general principle of Masonic law, they are of the opinion that cases might occur in which the conduct of a Companion, while in the Chapter, would make it not only the right but the duty of the High Priest to order his immediate expulsion.”

We find nothing else of importance in these proceedings, which are brief, and local.

The report on Correspondence is by Comp. J. P. C. Cottrill, and notices Canada for 1881.

M. E. Comp. John M. Evans, (Evansville,) G. H. P.

R. E. Comp. John W. Woodhull, (Milwaukee,) Grand Secretary.

STATISTICS.

The following Table is from the statistics of Maine:—

| GRAND CHAPTERS. | Members. | Exaltations. | Admissions & Restorations. | Dimissions. | Expulsions. | Suspensions. | Susp. for Non- pay't dues. | Deaths. |
|-----------------------------|----------|--------------|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------------------------|---------|
| Alabama | 821 | 63 | 33 | 26 | 0 | 0 | 21 | 20 |
| Arkansas | 1,292 | 93 | 25 | 57 | 0 | 0 | 31 | 32 |
| California | 2,932 | 148 | 60 | 69 | 3 | 1 | 69 | 34 |
| Canada | 3,455 | 173 | 61 | 99 | 0 | .... | *75 | 19 |
| Colorado | 462 | 57 | 14 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 28 | 6 |
| Connecticut | 4,112 | 130 | 14 | 26 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 55 |
| Delaware | 326 | 10 | 1 | 2 | 0 | .... | *1 | 1 |
| District of Columbia | 1,085 | 78 | 20 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 37 | 16 |
| Florida | 205 | 9 | 3 | 6 | 6 | .... | *6 | 4 |
| Georgia | 1,116 | 54 | 32 | 40 | 0 | .... | *37 | 30 |
| Illinois | 9,791 | 687 | 138 | 299 | 2 | .... | *264 | 94 |
| Indiana | 4,435 | 285 | 35 | 138 | 13 | 1 | 102 | 52 |
| Iowa | 4,533 | 384 | 81 | 169 | 1 | .... | *97 | 39 |
| Kansas | 1,582 | 204 | 80 | 93 | 1 | .... | *34 | 25 |
| Kentucky | 2,676 | 168 | 65 | 99 | 2 | .... | *125 | 29 |
| Louisiana | 931 | 32 | 32 | 14 | 0 | .... | *47 | 14 |
| Maine | 4,090 | 153 | 10 | 46 | 3 | 0 | 100 | 56 |
| Maryland | 1,176 | 70 | 8 | 33 | 0 | .... | *14 | 14 |
| Massachusetts | 9,027 | 370 | .... | 205 | 0 | .... | *182 | 92 |
| Michigan | 7,315 | 318 | 88 | 138 | 3 | 4 | 155 | 74 |
| Minnesota | 1,744 | 150 | 24 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 15 |
| Mississippi | 1,540 | 110 | 56 | 39 | 2 | 4 | 29 | 32 |
| Missouri | 3,950 | 257 | 59 | 110 | 0 | 2 | 56 | 53 |
| Nebraska | 841 | 50 | 53 | 10 | 0 | .. | *15 | 5 |
| Nevada | 411 | 34 | 15 | 19 | 2 | 0 | 16 | 3 |
| New Hampshire | 2,209 | 90 | 99 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 40 | 31 |
| New Jersey | 2,597 | 89 | 12 | 52 | 1 | 25 | 101 | 26 |
| New York | 15,276 | 606 | 162 | 288 | 6 | 2 | 1,039 | 186 |
| North Carolina | 842 | 10 | 3 | 10 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 6 |
| Nova Scotia | 427 | 27 | 4 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 5 |
| Ohio | 8,746 | 635 | 251 | 221 | 17 | .... | *347 | 106 |
| Oregon | 520 | 45 | 7 | 12 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 3 |
| Pennsylvania | 9,957 | 325 | 49 | 136 | .... | .... | *310 | 100 |
| Quebec | 395 | 50 | 4 | 74 | .. | .... | *10 | 9 |
| Rhode Island | 1,634 | 26 | .... | .... | .... | .... | .... | 12 |
| South Carolina | 577 | 21 | 3 | 17 | 13 | 0 | 19 | 12 |
| Tennessee | 2,975 | 101 | 39 | 112 | 3 | 17 | 53 | 41 |
| Texas | 3,176 | 187 | 93 | 182 | 4 | .... | *105 | 69 |
| Vermont | 1,934 | 75 | 13 | 20 | 1 | .... | *20 | 24 |
| Virginia | 1,503 | 47 | 83 | 40 | 1 | .... | *45 | 16 |
| West Virginia | 520 | 51 | 13 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 8 |
| Wisconsin | 3,290 | 202 | 40 | 62 | 0 | .... | *22 | 25 |
| General Grand Chapter | 679 | 49 | 18 | 20 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| | 127,105 | 6,733 | 1,900 | 3,073 | 85 | 62 | 3,700 | 1496 |

* Including all suspensions.

CONCLUSION.

From Oregon, we have not heard for two years. Florida, South Carolina and West Virginia do not appear in this report, but they each were reviewed for two years in our last report. The others are all present.

We have endeavored to make this report as brief as possible, consistently with giving a fair view of Masonic matters as they appear in the proceedings we have received.

For the same reason, we have not commented at any length on the various matters discussed among the reporters. Our purpose has rather been to allow others to speak, and we can all judge thereby.

One of the great attractions of our institution is the fact, that in it we can find rest and repose from the wranglings and disputes of the busy world, that our Lodges and Chapters are places where harmony prevails, and where we can all meet on one common platform, and enjoy the pleasures of social and fraternal intercourse in perfect freedom and confidence.

We can also derive considerable gratification from reading the transactions of our Brothers and Companions in other lands, and although far away, we can be with them in spirit.

These Reports form a valuable aid, in the direction of perpetuating and renewing fraternal intercourse, and if we have succeeded in giving our Companions an interesting glimpse of "things as they are" in other jurisdictions, our object will have been accomplished.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

HENRY ROBERTSON,

Chairman.

COLLINGWOOD, Ont., Canada, }
July 14th, 1882.

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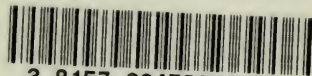
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